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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB611

My name is Michele and I live in Scappoose, Oregon. I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 611, Food For All Oregonians which would ensure Youth and Elderly Oregonians, regardless of immigration status, have access to the food they need to keep them and their families healthy. I support this bill and this campaign because families continue to struggle in Oregon and even middle income families like mine are increasingly experiencing a squeeze on financial front. Often times, families like ours will reduce our grocery buys for the week in order to make up for the anticipated hikes in energy or electric bills so that we can get through the next month. And we are a household that I feel is making enough money and feels relatively stable (or should be). Oregonians should not have to make the difficult choices between putting food on the table or making the rent payment every month. Despite paying billions in annual taxes in Oregon, immigrant Oregonians are twice as likely to face hunger and poverty in our state. Thousands of immigrant and refugee Oregonians are excluded from vital food assistance due to their immigration status. These are our neighbors, our family, our friends, the children our kids play with, our coworkers and their loved ones– the people who help make Oregon a beautiful place to live. Access to food should not depend on where we were born. I urge you to envision an Oregon where anyone who needs food can get it. I urge you to vote YES on SB 611. Sincerely, Michele Scappoose, Oregon