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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB611

Greetings, My name is Greta and I work as a psychotherapist for clients all across the state of Oregon via tele-health. I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 611, Food For All Oregonians. SB 611 will ensure that all Oregonians, regardless of immigration status, have access to the food they need to keep themselves and their families healthy and well. I am deeply concerned about the hateful rhetoric and threats coming out of the Trump administration, targeting immigrant communities and other marginalized folks. Clients I work with are scared. I am scared. That is why I am taking the time to write to you today. Food for All Oregonians (SB 611) will allow low-income Oregonians, currently excluded from SNAP benefits due to their immigration status, to get much needed life-sustaining assistance. SB 611 will build on successful, community-driven models to ensure trust is built and dearly needed resources reach families who need them. Let's live our values. Let's work to ensure that all of us, regardless of demographic or any other category, have our basic needs met so we may form healthier communities in which to live our lives, work together and play together. Please vote YES on SB 611. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Greta Reitinger Cheshire, Oregon (97419)