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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB611

TO: Senate Committee on Human Services SUBJECT: Yes on SB 611 Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and Members of the Committee, My name is Alma Rocha, I am a member of the Beaverton community and I am writing to express my strong support for passing the Food for All Oregonians bill (SB 611) this legislative session in Oregon. As a member of the community who has struggled with food security — and still am. I am committed to Food for All Oregonians' mission of ensuring access to nourishing and culturally appropriate meals for all in Oregon without worrying about immigration status. I myself have had to decide if I pay a bill or get groceries quite a few times and I visit food pantries on a regular basis to make ends meet. I remember working in a grocery store. Every Wednesday the fruits and vegetables were replaced with fresh merchandise. We, the employees, were allowed to take home whatever we felt we could use to help ourselves and every Tuesday I did my shopping since there was a 20% off employee discount. Making ends meet is a weight many of us felt. I urge legislators to please help end hunger in our communities, no one should go to sleep hungry and it is a human right. Regardless of citizenship, you would directly improve people's quality of life while stimulating the local economy, supporting small businesses like local grocery stores and food markets and local programs if we pass the bill. I ask you to vote YES on SB 611, Food for All Oregonians to reduce this need in our communities. Resident of Senate District 14 and House District 27.