

To: Joint Ways & Means Committee

Subject: YES, on Food for ALL Oregonians (SB 611)

Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, Vice-Chairs Girod, Gomberg, and Smith, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Janet Pendergrass, I live in Portland, Oregon. I am a retired Oregon berry & hazelnut farm sales manager. I would like to give you my testimony in support of (SB 611). For 24 years I worked with very hard-working great farm workers who planted, harvested, processed and manufactured wonderful Oregon food products.

All Oregon kids and the elderly should have access to nourishing food regardless of their birthplace, immigration or refugee status. When kids and elders can access nourishing food, our community thrives. Kids succeed & stay in school, families stay healthy and don't have to choose between paying bills or putting food on the table, local economies grow, when kids & elderly Oregonians can afford food.

You have the power to help end child & elder hunger in Oregon. Food for All Oregonians (SB 611) is key to making that happen.

Please prioritize voting YES to pass (SB 611) Food for All Oregonians and include it in the state's budget.

Thank you so much for your time,

Janet Pendergrass

Retired Oregon Farm Sales Manager