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Hello, I am writing today in support of SB 611 which establishes the Food for All Oregonians Program in the Department of Human Services. This is an important goal towards uplifting marginalized folks in our communities and helping people who may be deciding between eating or paying rent.

My Slavic immigrant parents used food stamps for a period of time and that allowed them to keep their home and provide more stability for us kids. Because of that stability, I was able to focus on my education. I credit that experience in part for where I am now: working as a scientist and educator in Oregon, helping colleges raise up the next generation of healthcare workers, scientists and other technical specialists.

Feeding people saves lives, strengthens our communities and can contribute to a well educated workforce. I encourage you to vote yes and pass SB 611!