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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB611

I support SB611, which would provide food stamp benefits to Oregonian who would qualify, but are precluded from federal food assistance due to immigration status, including both DACA and legal permanent residents not yet here for 5 years.

These folks are our neighbors and friends. They contribute significantly to Oregon's economy, while not earning enough to stave off food insecurity. Humanitarian assistance in this way is not just the right thing to do, but research has shown positive societal benefits, such as homelessness prevention, job retention and better health outcomes.

Please support SB611.