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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB611

Dear Chair Senator Gelsler Blouin, Vice-Chair Senator Linthicum and members of the Committee:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill.

Giving legitimacy to foreign residents who enter our country illegally completely disrespects those who have come here the legal path. It's insulting.

Illegal immigration is a problem in our country and legislation such as SB 611 does not help remedy that problem, it will make it worse in this state.. Offering benefits for breaking our nation's laws, is just plain wrong. There is such a thing as right and wrong I am all for state's rights, but I am opposed to the passage of SB 611 providing SNAP assistance to 'residents' who do not qualify for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program due to their immigration status.

Immigration status is important and ought not be ignored or denigrated, which is precisely what Senate Bill 611 encourages. One would think the legislature, of all people, would be interested in the propriety and legality of our laws but legislation such as Senate Bill 611 plainly shows that is not the case. Despite what sponsors and supporters of this legislation believe, immigration status does have meaning. Senate Bill 611 undermines that meaning.

Do not pass this bill that defies Federal Law and disrespects US Citizens of Oregon and our tax dollars.