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My name is Rev. June Fothergill. For ten years I served a church in Springfield which offered meals to the community for whoever needed them. I saw the effects of hunger and homelessness on the lives of ordinary people like you and me. I have also served in places with a large immigrant population and have seen the needs of farm workers. I believe that everyone whatever their background or immigrant status or financial situation has the right to enough nutritious food. Therefore I support the change in Oregon's SNAP program that Senate Bill 611 would enact. I think of the seniors who worked hard all their lives to harvest our food who are now without pensions and who paid their taxes. They should be included in SNAP no matter what their immigration status. I think that children who need proper nutrition to attend and do well in school need that same benefit. Together we can make sure all Oregonians have the food they need. It is important to do this now for each year a child does not have adequate nutrition harms their lives and development. Therefore I urge you to support Senate Bill 611. It will be money well spent. Thank you.