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I am a nonprofit professional, teaching media and video creation to youth and adults across east Multnomah County. Through that work, I was privileged to be part of the distribution of a project called Food Foray, which highlighted the connection between food, culture, and our immigrant neighbors. What became evident, is that so many of our immigrant neighbors are vulnerable and face food insecurity when they come to the United States. I've also seen this firsthand in the schools that I've taught in. I've taught in classes where half the students speak only Spanish and a handful only Russian. It is heartbreaking to think that these students, may experience hunger because they don't qualify for the same benefits as their peers. No one should go hungry, no matter who they are or where they are from. Please make food assistance available to youth and elder Oregonians.