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On Behalf Of:

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My name is John Barnes. I am a member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty.

The number of those in poverty combined with those who do not make a living wage includes approximately half of the population. Food insecurity is rampant and increasing among these people in need. A great many people are spending food dollars on rent and other necessities, including medical care. This bill would help alleviate this concern with nutrition assistance to Oregon's most vulnerable population of those in need. I believe we have a moral imperative to assure sufficient food and nutrition to this population.

Thank-you,

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