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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB611

TO: Senate Committee on Human Services SUBJECT: Yes on SB 611 – Food for All Oregonians  
Dear Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and Members of the Committee, My name is Maggie and I live in Portland. I'm writing in strong support of SB 611 – Food for All Oregonians. This bill matters because no one should go hungry just because of where they were born. SB 611 would make sure that all Oregonians—especially youth and elders—can access the food they need, regardless of immigration status. Oregon is in a hunger crisis. One in six kids doesn't have enough to eat. Food banks are overwhelmed. And even though immigrant Oregonians pay billions in taxes every year, many are still blocked from food assistance programs like SNAP. These are our neighbors, coworkers, classmates, and loved ones. Access to food is a basic human need—and it should be a basic human right. Food for All Oregonians would help fill those gaps, using trusted, community-led programs to get support to the people who need it most. It's a smart, compassionate, and practical solution—and when everyone has access to food, we all do better. Kids thrive in school, families stay healthy, and our local economies grow. That's why I'm asking you to vote yes on SB 611. Thanks so much for your time. Sincerely, Margaret Kurniawan, Portland