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My name is Sarah Carolus and I wholeheartedly support SB611, Food For All Oregonians, which would ensure access to food for youth and elder Oregonians regardless of immigrant status. I belong to Central Lutheran Church and am a member of Interfaith Alliance for Poverty and the Sacred Organizing Coalition.

My congregation helps supports St. Mark's Lutheran Church Food Pantry with coordination, funds and volunteers. This group weekly offers food to supplement meals. A significant population using this resource is Chinese people living near St. Mark's neighborhood. In the few years that I have volunteered at the pantry, demand for food has greatly increased. One of the most sought after food is eggs. All of us know that the price of eggs is beyond reach for many.

Food is a basic human right. No one should have to go hungry, particularly the most vulnerable, children and the elderly. Access to food should not depend on where you are born. It is a value of my faith to serve my neighbor and so I urge you to support SB 611.