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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB611

Honorable Sirs and Madam Legislators,

I have heard that food insecurity has risen dramatically in Oregon and this makes me concerned for our neighbors and other community members who do not have access to SNAP benefits, that might be in very bad straights, including DACA and other people with permanent status as well. Apparently research has shown that having regular access to healthy food has very good effects on the health and education of children and in creating a dependable workforce. Immigrant people contribute a lot to our state, about \$353 million I am told in taxes. They create businesses and are an important support for local employers, especially in agriculture, ironically, providing food for our own tables.

Please, uphold our values as Oregonians to leave no one hungry in our state and vote yes on SB611.