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SB611

Hi my name is Adrian and I live in Tillamook, OR. I am a parent of four kids, and I know firsthand how hard it is right now just to afford the basic necessities. Times are tough, and no one should have to choose between paying their bills or putting food on the table. But for too many families, that's the reality.

Food is a human right. Our freedom, our health, and our ability to thrive all depend on access to food that is both nutritious and culturally familiar. Yet, thousands of immigrant and refugee families across Oregon—many of whom work hard and contribute to our communities—are being left out of food assistance simply because of their immigration status. These are our neighbors, our friends, our coworkers, and the children our kids go to school with. They help make Oregon the beautiful and diverse place that it is, and they deserve to be treated with dignity.

We have farmworkers planting, growing, and harvesting the very food that nourishes all of us, yet they and their families often can't afford to buy the same food they produce. That's not right.

When youth and elders can access nourishing food, our whole community thrives. Kids do better in school, families stay healthier, and local economies grow when all Oregonians can afford to eat. This is true in every part of our state—rural, urban, and suburban communities alike.

You have the power to help end child hunger in Oregon. Passing SB 611 is a critical step in making sure no one in our state is left behind. I urge you to support this bill and ensure that all families, regardless of where they were born, have access to the food they need to live with dignity.

Thank you for your time

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