

Submitter: Dave Albertaine

Committee: Senate Committee on Human Services

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB611

Dear Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dave Albertaine and I'm a member of the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty and member of Madeleine Catholic Church in NE Portland. As a person of faith and a person concerned about the causes and effects of poverty, I join with other members of the Interfaith Alliance and many others in strong support of Senate Bill 611, Food for All Oregonians which would ensure that youth and elderly Oregonians, regardless of immigration status, have access to the food they need to keep them and their families healthy.

Food insecurity continues to be a crisis in Oregon, even now food banks such as the Oregon Food Bank and organizations such as St. Vincent de Paul cannot keep up with the growing demand. In addition, the likely changes in the policies of our federal government threaten to make things even worse. We must raise our voices to help those in need. I am proud to say many are trying to help, but Senate bill 611 will help to ensure that no child in our state, whether documented or undocumented, goes hungry and our elderly are supported. I urge an affirmative vote. I know if you look into the eyes of our children and our elderly in need you cannot turn away.

Thank you,

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