

Dear Oregon Lawmakers,

I am an undocumented mother of two in Woodburn, and every day is a battle to keep my children fed. I work long hours cleaning houses and pay taxes like everyone else, yet when I lost a client last winter, I had nowhere to turn for help. I'll never forget the night my little girl went to bed with an empty stomach because I just didn't have enough money for groceries. It broke my heart. No mother should have to feel the pain of hearing her child cry from hunger in a state as rich as Oregon.

Please, I urge you to pass Senate Bill 611, the Food for All Oregonians bill, so families like mine aren't left behind. Hunger is tearing at our community, too many of us can't be sure of our next meal. My kids deserve to grow up healthy and hopeful, not under the shadow of hunger due to our immigration status. Food is a human right, and with SB 611 you can make that a reality for all of us. Do not make us wait any longer. Our children's futures depend on this. Thank you for hearing my story.