

Dear Oregon Lawmakers,

My name is Mawazo Faila. I live in Gresham and work as a personal care provider for a senior refugee woman battling heart disease. I am also a single mother doing my best to care for my child. Every day I see how food impacts health. My client's nutrition directly affects her ability to manage her condition, yet we struggle to provide her with the culturally specific, nutrient-rich foods that truly support her health.

As an immigrant and a caregiver, I know the stress of living paycheck to paycheck, choosing between healthy meals and basic bills. I understand how lacking access to proper food assistance, especially for those in our immigrant and refugee communities, can make all the difference between recovery and regression, stability and despair.

I urge you to pass SB 611 because it would mean better health, stronger families, and more dignity for those who have already given so much. When caregivers and clients alike are food secure, the entire system improves. Please choose compassion and equity, support Food for All Oregonians.