

To Oregon Legislators,

My name is Beatrice, I live in Beaverton, where I am a single mother of three and a caregiver for my elderly mother. I also own a home care facility and work with other caregivers, many of whom are immigrants like me. I see how our work uplifts Oregon's aging population, yet our ability to care for our own families is constantly stretched by low pay and rising costs.

One of my coworkers once told me: "Even with two jobs, it's hard to make ends meet. There are weeks when I skip meals to ensure my children and my mother eat." Many of the caregivers I work with are in similar situations, working long hours but unable to access food assistance due to immigration status. It's demoralizing and unjust.

Passing SB611 would bring relief to so many of us who are already giving our all. It would allow us to feed our families while continuing to care for others. Please, vote yes on SB611 and help restore dignity to Oregon's caregiving families. We work hard. We deserve to eat.