

Dear Esteemed Legislators,

My name is Lily Baraka. I live in Portland and own a homecare facility that employs and serves people from diverse immigrant and refugee backgrounds. I have worked alongside so many who give tirelessly to this state, caring for the elderly and vulnerable, often while struggling to care for their own families.

Too many of my workers, compassionate, dedicated people are going hungry. They share stories of skipping meals, sending their kids to school without breakfast, or rationing food at home. And the reason? Their immigration status blocks them from accessing the very assistance that could help them get by during hard times.

We are not talking about handouts. We are talking about humanity. SB 611 would make a world of difference for the workers who care for our loved ones. Please show them that Oregon values their labor and their lives. Pass SB 611 and make food a right—not a privilege—for all who call this state home.

With deep respect,

Lily Baraka