

Dear Lawmakers,

My name is Nyamungo Lukulambo. I live in Gresham and am a single mother of four beautiful children. I work hard every day, but no matter how many hours I put in, it feels like the bills keep rising while our food budget keeps shrinking. We live paycheck to paycheck, and sometimes we run out of food before the month is over.

Because of my immigration status, I cannot access food assistance, even though I pay taxes and contribute to my community. It is heartbreaking to see my children ask for more food when I know there is none left. I have skipped meals many times so they wouldn't have to.

I'm not asking for special treatment. I'm asking for fairness. For compassion. SB 611 would change our lives. It would mean peace of mind. It would mean my children could go to school focused on learning, not distracted by hunger. Please, vote yes on SB 611. Make it possible for mothers like me to provide for our children with dignity.