

Dear Oregon Lawmakers,

My name is Lucia Ndayihereje, and I am a retired immigrant senior living in Portland. I live alone and survive on a very limited income. Each month, I have to make painful choices between paying for my medication and buying groceries. I often skip meals to make my food last longer, but this is affecting my health.

I worked hard all my life. I never imagined that I would struggle to eat in my old age. Because I am an immigrant, I do not qualify for the help that many others can receive. I feel invisible and forgotten.

SB 611 would change that. It would allow seniors like me to live with dignity and nourish ourselves properly. Please, vote yes on SB 611 and show that Oregon does not leave its elders behind. Help us age with strength, health, and respect.