

Dear Oregon Legislators,

My name is Angelique Nyiramahoro, and I live in Gresham with my four children. I work in a food processing factory, ironic, because while I spend my days handling and packing food that will feed families across Oregon, I go home not knowing whether I'll have enough to feed my own.

I am a single mother. I work hard. But because of my immigration status, I am ineligible for food assistance. My income barely covers rent and bills. There are weeks we survive on the cheapest food possible, and some nights I give up my own meal just so my children can eat a little more.

We deserve better. The people who process, grow, and prepare food should not be left to starve. SB 611 is about recognizing our dignity and humanity. Please, vote yes on this bill. Give mothers like me a chance to provide for our families with the respect and security we've earned.

With sincere hope,

Angelique Nyiramahoro