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My name is Alice. I live in Gresham and am a single mother of five. I work in a food factory and do everything I can to support my children. Despite my hard work, my income is not enough to cover rent, bills, and groceries. We often run out of food before the month is over.

Because of my immigration status, I am not eligible for SNAP or other forms of assistance. I have been forced to make impossible choices—between paying for utilities or buying enough food. My children have learned to ration their meals, and I have gone without eating to make sure they are fed.

SB 611 would allow families like mine to breathe. To stop living in fear of the next empty fridge. Please, show compassion and pass this bill. Immigrant families are part of the Oregon fabric. We deserve the same chance to thrive.

With gratitude,

Alice