

Dear Esteemed Lawmakers,

My name is Ninyibuka Yoranda, and I live in Portland. I am a single mother of eight children and a refugee. I work two jobs just to try to cover our bills and rent, but despite all my efforts, I often cannot afford enough food for my family, especially culturally familiar, nutritious food.

Some weeks, I must choose between paying rent or feeding my children. No mother should have to make that decision. My children go to school hungry, and I go to work exhausted and anxious, knowing that what we have is never enough.

Please pass SB 611. It will provide the help that hardworking families like mine desperately need. Oregon should be a place where no refugee or immigrant parent has to struggle alone. Give us a chance to live with dignity and raise our children without fear of hunger.