

Dear Oregon Legislators,

My name is Beatrice Karanja, and I live in Troutdale. I am a single mother of three children and the caregiver for my elderly mother. I work as a home care provider, helping others maintain their dignity and health, yet I struggle every day to provide those same things for my own family.

My pay is modest, and because of my immigration status, I am excluded from food assistance. It is heartbreaking to return home after a long day of caregiving and still not have enough food for my children or my mother. We cut back, we ration, and I often go without so they don't have to.

SB 611 would make a life-changing difference for families like mine. Please support this bill. Caregivers should not have to live in hunger while helping others live in comfort. We need your help to survive and to continue serving our communities with strength and dignity.