

Dear Oregon Lawmakers,

My name is Godlive Bakeba. I live in Portland and am a single mother of eight. I work double shifts to support my children, but the cost of living is so high that I still struggle to provide enough food for all of us. Sometimes, I have to choose between paying the rent and buying groceries.

I want my children to grow up strong and focused, but hunger makes that difficult. They go to school tired and distracted, and I feel helpless. I work hard, every single day, but my immigration status makes me ineligible for the food assistance that would make all the difference.

SB 611 would help families like mine survive with dignity. I'm not asking for a handout. I'm asking for fairness. For my kids. For our future. Please vote yes on this bill and help us live without the fear of hunger.

Thank you,

Godlive Bakeba