

Dear Honorable Members of the Legislature,

My name is Wilondja Sadi, and I live in Portland. I work as a Peer Support Specialist, helping immigrants and refugees with mental health challenges. I see every day how a lack of access to food, especially culturally familiar, nutritious food, worsens mental health for the people I support.

Many of my clients already face trauma, isolation, and poverty. When they also face hunger, it becomes nearly impossible for them to stabilize. Food security is not just a physical need, it is deeply connected to emotional and psychological well-being.

SB 611 would provide critical support for these individuals. It would also ease the burden on social workers and caregivers trying to hold together a fragile system. Please, for the sake of public health and human dignity, vote yes on Food for All Oregonians. Our communities are watching, and counting on you.

Sincerely,

Wilondja Sadi