

Dear Co-Chairs, Vice Co-Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee,

My name is Tabitha Joaquin, and I live in Eugene, Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support for SB 611, the Food for All Oregonians bill. This important legislation ensures that young Oregonians, ages 6 and under, have access to food assistance, because no child in our state should go hungry.

Access to nutritious food is fundamental for healthy development. When all families can put food on the table, our children thrive academically, leading to better performance in school. Additionally, providing food assistance reduces healthcare costs, as well-nourished children are less likely to face health issues later in life.

Moreover, when families are stable and well-nourished, our local businesses benefit as well. Increased food security translates into stronger communities and a healthier economy.

Supporting SB 611 is not just a moral imperative; it is an investment in the future of our state. I urge you to support this vital legislation to ensure that every child in Oregon has the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,
Tabitha Joaquin,
(Eugene, Lane County)