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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

My name is Yesenia, and I live in Ashland, Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support of Senate Bill 611, Food For All Oregonians, which would ensure children six and younger, regardless of immigration status, have access to the food they need to keep them healthy. We know that when we all have access to food, we're all better off. Kids do better in school, our families' health and wellbeing improves, and our economy thrives through the support of local businesses. This is true in every corner of Oregon— in rural, urban, and suburban communities alike. When all of our children are getting the food that they need, all of Oregon thrives. I have used SNAP benefits before, and they dramatically improved my quality of life by allowing me to grocery shop without added stress and by allowing me to access nutritious foods when I otherwise would not have been able to. With the help of SNAP, I have never had to go without food for financial reasons, and I believe every child should experience the same. Access to food should not depend on where we were born. I urge you to envision an Oregon where anyone who needs food can get it. This is why I am urging your YES vote on SB 611. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Yesenia
Ashland, Oregon