



Senate Humans Services, Mental Health and Recovery

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Chair Gelser and Members of the Committee

I am Marcia Kelley, the Public Policy Advocate for Oregon Women's Rights Coalition.

We support the proposal to augment the SNAP benefits for families in Oregon with a very modest \$10 per month for personal hygiene items. While the current situation with the pandemic exists, it only highlights a need that already existed.

Those struggling in our society who qualify for food stamps and other programs such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families should not have to go without personal hygiene items.

We need as a society to address the inequities which have developed and search for resources so that our most needy have the resources to feel clean and valued.

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