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Written testimony in support of HB4088 that will explore implementation of the restaurant meals program here in Oregon.

The Oregon Alliance is a dedicated champion and established voice in advocating for the safety, health, and well-being of children, youth, families, and communities across Oregon. We are a diverse group of organizations serving Oregon's kids and their families at home, in school, in residential settings, and within the community.

We urge support for HB 4088 which would convene a workgroup to research and plan for the implementation of the SNAP Restaurant Meals Program in Oregon. The program would allow elderly, disabled, and homeless SNAP recipients and their spouse to use their EBT card to purchase prepared meals from participating restaurants. Other states have adopted this program such as California, Michigan, and Arizona.

Many seniors, people with disabilities, and houseless people who qualify for SNAP are unable to prepare or cook meals due to lack of access to a kitchen, mobility/motor skill issues, safety concerns, etc.

We are particularly supportive of the provision to ensure the workgroup includes people who have lived experiences with SNAP. We believe the best solutions center the experiences of people with lived expertise of problems.

Thank you,

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