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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure: SB610

Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Robinson, Members of the Committee:

My name is Vanessa Nordyke and I am submitting testimony in my personal capacity in support of Senate Bill 610, Food For All Oregonians which would ensure all of our neighbors, regardless of immigration status, have access to the food they need to keep them and their families healthy.

For many immigrants and refugees, Salem is the only stable home that they have ever known. And yet, due to my volunteer efforts with the Marion-Polk Food Share Sustainer Salem for Refugees, I know that our immigrant and refugee communities have disproportionately higher rates of food insecurity, housing insecurity, and barriers to other basic needs. This legislation is desperately needed to treat everyone who calls Oregon home with dignity and the opportunity to thrive.

I urge passage of Senate Bill 610.