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Yes on SB 610- Food For All Oregonians

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

My name is Jen Turner, and I live in Southeast Portland, in the Mill Park neighborhood. I'm writing today to request your enthusiastic support for Senate Bill 610, Food for All Oregonians. This bill ensures that all of our neighbors, regardless of immigration status, have access to the food they need to keep them and their families nourished and healthy. Food For All Oregonians increases access to food through the creation of a state-funded program that will remove barriers to SNAP for immigrants, refugees and members of COFA (Compact of Free Association) communities; our neighbors and community members that are at disproportionate risk of hunger and food insecurity, both pre- and post-pandemic. I support SB 610 because I believe that food is a human right, and limiting access to food based on where someone was born is immoral, particularly in a state with such an abundance of resources. This is the kind of progressive, proactive investment in our community's wellbeing that makes me proud to be an Oregonian. As your constituent, can I count on your support for SB 610?