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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 Katy and I've lived in Oregon for over 16 years. I'm writing today to ask for your support on Senate Bill 610, Food for All Oregonians. This bill ensures all of our neighbors, regardless of immigration status, have access to the food they need to keep them and their families fed and healthy. I support SB 610 because everyone deserves access to food. I remember how critical SNAP benefits were for me and my partner when he was unemployed and I was working a low paying job. It ensured that we could get the foods we needed; it was one less thing to stress about. Food is a human right. Everyone should have access to food regardless of where they are born. Food for All Oregonians will create a state-funded program that eliminates exclusions to SNAP and make applying for assistance more welcoming. It will also help folks navigate and learn about this resource. Food for All Oregonians is good for everyone. We all benefit when our neighbors have the resources that they need to thrive. Can I count on you to support SB 610?