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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services

Measure: SB610

To: Senate Committee On Human Services:

It seems reasonable and prudent to support Senate Bill 610 which will create a state-funded program that eliminates exclusions to SNAP based on immigrant status and create a culturally responsive application process.

As a citizen of Clatsop County and a first-generation child of an immigrant father, it was not easy to establish a place in society that was suspicious of you because you had an accent. Barriers to food for a family should not be one of those roadblocks when you are trying to work and provide for your family.

When we established a faith-based driven summer lunch program for the children in North Clatsop County we made sure there were no barriers and everyone was welcome and we went to the neighborhoods of our Latinx families to establish that report.

A sensible approach by the Department of Human Services to establish "Food for All Oregonians Program"

Thank you for your consideration.

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