



ALIANZA PODER

A NETWORK OF SISTER ORGANIZATIONS

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To: Chair Senator Sara Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Senator Art Robinson, and Senate Committee On Human Services

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RE: Letter of Support for SB 610

Dear Senate Committee On Human Services,

I write on behalf of Alianza Poder Network and Capaces Institute Leadership to express our full support for SB 610 Food for All Oregonians Program which establishes a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to provide nutrition assistance to residents of this state who would qualify for federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program but for immigration status. We believe food is a basic human right and a resource that we must make accessible to all in order to have a thriving Oregon.

Established in 2003, Alianza Poder (Formerly the CAPACES Network) is a collaborative of ten sister organizations, hosted and coordinated by the CAPACES Leadership Institute (CLI), which are serving, organizing, and building the leadership of our comunidades Latinas, Indigenas, y Afro-descendientes in Oregon to improve the quality of life for all, especially working families. The ten organizations include: PCUN, Farmworker Housing Development Corporation, Mano a Mano Family Center, Latinos Unidos Siempre, Centro de Servicios Para Campesinos, Mujeres Luchadoras Progresistas, Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality, Radio Poder 98.3, EVOLVE Property Management and Workforce Development and CLI. The mission of our organizations aligns with the core values of Food For All Oregonians and our work would strengthen with the passing of SB 610. The goal of extending our food safety net without exclusion to our lowest paid workers across rural and urban Oregon would support families, local economies, and would be a solid investment in Oregon's future.

We urge you to support SB 610 and make Food For All a reality for non- citizen Oregonians.



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Sincerely,

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