

Date: 2/27/2023

To: Senate Committee on Human Services

RE: Support SB 610

Dear Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice-Chair Robinson, and members of the Committee,

My name is Maria. I am writing in support of Senate Bill 610, Food for All Oregonians, which would ensure all our neighbors, regardless of immigration status, have access to the food they need to keep them and their families healthy.

All families in Oregon deserve to receive food assistance. Unfortunately, not all families qualify to receive federal assistance from programs like SNAP due to their immigration status and other circumstances. I am a mother of two and due to inflation over the past years, my income is not enough to buy nutritious food for my children. We deserve to receive food assistance like SNAP just as other citizens do in this state.

We know that when we all have access to food, we're all better off. Kids do better in school, our families' health and well-being improves, and our economy thrives through the support of local businesses. This is true in every corner of Oregon—in rural, urban, and suburban communities alike. When all of our neighbors are getting the food that they need, all of Oregon thrives.

That is why I ask that you please support this legislative proposal, SB 610, Food for All Oregonians, by voting yes.

Thank you,

Maria