Submitter: Cristina Marquez

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure: SB5506

Chairs Steiner and Sanchez; Vice Chairs Girod, Gomberg and Smith; Members of the Committee,

My name is Cristina Marquez and I live in Salem. I'm submitting written testimony today in support of SB610 because nobody in our communities deserves to be hungry. I believe food is a human right. Yet, there are so many people in our communities struggling to make ends meet. I see this in our farmworker communities who are key to bringing food to all our homes, yet they struggle to put food on their tables. Everyone should have access to food regardless of where they were born. As a child, my family benefitted from food assistance programs - and I saw how family members and friends were excluded from those same programs. Please support SB 610 to create a state-funded program that eliminates exclusions to SNAP and makes applying for food assistance more welcoming.

Sincerely,

Cristina, Salem