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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure: SB5506

SUBJECT: Yes on SB 610 BODY: Chairs Steiner and Sanchez; Vice Chairs Girod, Gomberg and Smith; Members of the Committee: My name is Rick Ukena and I live in Ashland and I am writing in support of Senate Bill 610 Food For All Oregonians will ensure all of our neighbors, regardless of immigration status to have access to the food they need to keep them and their families healthy. I believe that food is a basic HUMAN right. No exceptions! Here in Ashland we have seen an increase of over 25% of those seeking food assistance from Ashland Food Bank. At least a third of those in need are under 18. Elimination of all barriers through this Bill will help alleviate some of the drastic increases in need we face. Food for All Oregonians is just that....Food for ALL of us. Please do all you can to help the most vulnerable among us well fed and ready to learn and thrive. Thanks in advance for your support!
Rick Ukena