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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Yesenia, and I live in Ashland, Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support of Senate Bill 611, Food For All Oregonians, which would ensure Youth and Elderly Oregonians, regardless of immigration status, have access to the food they need to keep them and their families healthy. 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. I have used SNAP benefits before, and they dramatically improved my quality of life by allowing me to grocery shop without added stress and by allowing me to access nutritious foods when I otherwise would not have been able to. With the help of SNAP, I have never had to go without food for financial reasons, and I believe every person should be able to say that. These are our neighbors, our family, our friends, the children our kids play with, our coworkers and their loved ones— the people who help make Oregon a beautiful place to live. Access to food should not depend on where we were born. I urge you to envision an Oregon where anyone who needs food can get it. This is why I am urging your YES vote on SB 611. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Yesenia Ashland, Oregon