

TO: Joint Ways & Means Committee  
SUBJECT: Yes on Food for All Oregonians (SB 611)

Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, Vice-Chairs Girod, Gomberg, and Smith, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Alma and I live in Beaverton. I am writing in strong support of Food For All Oregonians (Senate Bill 611) 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.

As a member of the community who has struggled with food security — and still am. I am committed to Food for All Oregonians' mission of ensuring access to nourishing and culturally appropriate meals for all in Oregon without worrying about immigration status.

I myself have had to decide if I pay a bill or get groceries quite a few times and I visit food pantries on a regular basis to make ends meet. I remember working in a grocery store. Every Wednesday the fruits and vegetables were replaced with fresh merchandise. We, the employees, were allowed to take home whatever we felt we could use to help ourselves and every Tuesday I did my shopping since there was a 20% employee discount. Making ends meet is a weight many of us feel.

This is why I am urging you to include SB 611 in Oregon's budget. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Alma R.  
Beaverton, District 14th.