

I was enlisted to give live testimony at the public hearing in Gresham today, March 23, 2025. Time ran out before I was able to address the committee. I am sending what I would have said if I had the opportunity.

Thank you for inviting me to testify in support of Food for All Oregonians.

My name is Paul Radway. I live in SE Portland. My income is primarily Social Security payments, and I do have housing and adequate food.

But, as a health care provider, I have seen many patients who went hungry. I also saw my own elderly grandmother struggle with food insecurity.

As you know, inadequate food affects:

physical abilities

responses to illness and injury

mental and emotional well-being.

It affects every aspect of functioning as a human being. Especially vulnerable are the children.

We live in Oregon—a place with abundant resources. We are speaking here about our brothers, our sisters, and our kids. Those who go hungry all day, every day, who go to bed at night hungry.

I appreciate the very difficult task the Committee has, with so many needs in the state.

PLEASE remember--NO PERSON SHOULD GO HUNGRY!

Thank you for your attention.