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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Tom Hering and I'm the co-chair of the advocacy action team of the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty. (<https://www.allianceonpoverty.org/>)

Our team is in strong support of Senate Bill 611, Food For All Oregonians which would ensure Youth and Elder Oregonians, regardless of immigration status, have access to the food they need to keep them and their families healthy.

We are a faith-based community of 14 congregations who seek to mitigate the injustices that cause poverty.

Many of our team members have seen first-hand through their volunteer work with various Oregon food pantrys the desperation that young people and senior citizens experience every day with food insecurity. It is both tragic and unjust.

We urge you through your public service to strongly support this bill which will do much to mitigate the horrific consequences of hunger in our community.

Thank you.