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My name is Margaret Herrera, I'm a 66 year old disabled woman that lives in SE Portland. My issues with my insecurities with food benefits/ snap benefits started back in 1973 when I moved to Oregon from Illinois and was living with my sister. I've been struggling with having adequate food to feed myself and family ever since was An young Adult at age of eighteen in 1976, I am a firm believer in having support for food and housing because I believe everyone should have access to food and affordable housing. A hungry child or elderly should not exist in this modern age age, studies have shown that a hungry child struggles to learn while they're in school. When I arrived to Oregon I suffered from malnutrition due to not having enough access to food. Once I arrived, I received some support with food from the Oregon Food Bank and Snap benefits. My housing insecurities were also omnipresent when I arrived. I struggled to find a home for me and my family at the age of eighteen. I am still struggling wit this to this day.

I support Bill 611 because I'm a firm advocate in no one being hungry in my community especially children. I'm a mother of two and this hits very close to home. A lot of people in our community should not be going hungry and I believe it's an easy fix if we all work together. People with all backgrounds should have access to food regardless of their income. I consider myself a vulnerable elderly individual with two sons. I will continue to support bill611 until I see that no child or elderly person is hungry. My name is Margaret Herrera and this is my story.