

Our 2021 Legislative Agenda to #EmergeStronger

Prior to the pandemic, 1 in 11 Oregonians were food insecure. **Today, nearly 1 in 5 people in our communities face hunger — a dramatic increase.** And the public health and economic impacts of the pandemic have fallen hardest on people who have faced systemic inequities for generations: communities of color, immigrants and refugees, single parents and caregivers, and our trans and gender non-conforming neighbors.

We have the opportunity to rebuild and emerge stronger so that we can end hunger for good in our communities. This is our moment to embrace our shared values, care for each other and take bold action in support of *all* Oregonians.

Food Security and Economic Justice

- **Reduce hunger on college campuses.** Connect college students to food assistance by ensuring support staff and resources are present on college campuses. (HB 2835)
- **Leave no worker behind.** All workers should be eligible for Oregon's Earned Income Tax Credit. End exclusions for people who file with an ITIN. (HB 2819)
- **Increase access to nutritious food** — and support Oregon farmers and retailers — by expanding the "Double Up Food Bucks" SNAP match program at local grocery stores and farmers markets. (HB 2292/SB 555)
- **Ensure childcare and other essential resources for every Oregon family.** Fund and reform our childcare assistance programs to promote economic stability. (HB 2503/SB 239)
- **Support emergency food assistance** in our communities by sustaining the Oregon Hunger Response Fund.

Racial Justice and Immigrant Rights

- **Adopt the Racial Justice Council's public safety recommendations.** Everyone should feel safe and secure in our communities. (HB 2169)
- **Protect the rights of every Oregonian by:**
 - Fulfilling and enhancing our state's sanctuary promise.
 - Investing in universal legal representation for Oregonians facing deportation.
 - Ensuring true representation and access to government decision-making.
- **Support policies that ensure education and healthcare equity for Oregonians** who are part of Compact of Free Association (COFA) communities. (SB 706, HB 2557/SB 557, HB 2496/SB 553)

COVID-19 Relief for All

- **Promote economic recovery and prosperity for essential workers** by preserving and expanding the Oregon Worker Relief Fund.
- **Support policies that keep Oregonians in their homes,** whether they're rented or owned. In the midst of a pandemic, we must ensure that everyone has access to safe and affordable housing options. (SB 79, HB 2096, HB 2372, HB 2427, HB 2550, HB 2677)
- **Be responsive to future rounds of federal stimulus.** Prioritize gaps in the needs of our communities through the lens of equity, racial justice and the needs of our communities.

Questions?

