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To: Oregon Ways & Means Committee
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Oregon Hunger Response Funds give us the ability to keep a level of service needed to provide food assistance to a vast service area. We cover 18,000 square miles in rural Oregon.

Last year we distributed 2.5 million pounds of food. With COVID we saw an 85% increase in need. Taking care of 9,500 households doesn't happen without a good support staff and 1,250 volunteers who give nearly 32,000 hours of their time annually.

Oregon Hunger Response Funds help us move food. It covers expenses related to running the food bank. Volunteers make the distribution possible. Very few charities in the United States have such a huge volunteer base.

Nearly 70% of our revenue comes from our community. They include businesses, service organizations, individuals (little kids included) ☺

Thank you for your consideration of the Oregon Hunger Response Funds.

Forever Grateful,

Niki Sampson,
Executive Director