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TO: Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction
FROM: Dan Winters, Food Bank Director, Yamhill Community Action Partnership
RE: HB 5030

Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Holvey, and Members of the Committee

My name is Dan Winters, Food Bank Director of Yamhill Community Action Partnership supporting over 30 partner agencies across Yamhill County. YCAP provides food to 3 emergency pantries strategically located throughout the county. These pantries provide a variety of fresh and shelf-stable groceries to low-income families and individuals. YCAP also provides food to six meal sites: four in McMinnville and two in Newberg. These meal sites cook full, hot, nutritious meals from scratch.

Our regional food bank network is requesting \$22M for one-time infrastructure investments into our regional food banks across the state. This request will help strengthen our statewide distribution network and support Oregonians facing hunger. Funds will allow us to meet the increased needs, while strengthening our statewide network to ensure food remains available to all who need it, for years to come.

Yamhill Community Action Partnership would use its portion of these funds to support fresh food distribution to end hunger and strengthen communities in Yamhill County. Funds will be used to purchase a delivery vehicle and make renovations to the warehouse, including the freezer and cooler. Additional funds will provide programming support for emergency food delivery.

We are mindful as we make this request that food banking alone is not a permanent solution to hunger. Hunger is not just an empty stomach or an individual experience. We are encouraged that the legislature is also taking action to address the reasons why so many people seek emergency food.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. We urge you to support this important request.

Sincerely,

Dan Winters

Dan Winters
Regional Food Bank Manager

