



January 23, 2025

Chair Sara Gelser-Blouin
Vice-Chair Diane Linthicum
Senate Human Service Committee
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Gelser-Blouin, Vice-Chair Linthicum and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of Senate Bill (SB) 452**, the funding for Marion Polk Food Share's new expanding facility.

Church at the Park (CAP) is a non-profit located in Salem, Oregon that serves unhoused adults and families in Marion and Polk Counties. CAP empowers people to change their lives and exit poverty by providing vital low barrier shelter and employment services. CAP seeks the mutual transformation of unsheltered people, our staff, and our volunteers through relationships, agency partnerships, and tangible resources.

Our partnership with Marion Polk Food Share is essential to our work and the success of the people we serve. The Food Share has been a dependable partner organization since 2009. We have seen first-hand the growth in the food insecurity in our community and have been grateful to the Food Share for its ability to respond to the increased need. They have helped us establish community gardens, multiple food pantry sites, and mobile delivery efforts for the unsheltered.

Your support of SB 452 will help the Food Share continue to respond to the needs in our community. Please vote to provide \$6 million for an updated facility that will feed our most vulnerable and build community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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