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On Behalf Of: Marion Polk Food Share
Committee: Senate Committee On Human Services
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB452

To the Oregon State Legislature,

I am whole heartedly in favor of the passage of SB 452.

I am a volunteer at the Marion Polk Food Share on Monday and Friday mornings. I have been volunteering for over 3 years now. I volunteer in the Retail Recovery area where we take in and evaluate the foodstuff that is donated by stores. Keeping and passing out the good so that people in need can get quality food. The food that is too old or in bad shape goes to hog farmers to feed pigs. So even though we get some donations that cannot be given to people, it does not go to waste.

I am glad the Food Share exists and is able to help people in need. I am also glad for the opportunity to volunteer. I am retired and this gives me a chance to pay back to my community. Something I believe in. I am not wealthy but I have time. And this lets me do something positive.

In volunteering at the Marion Polk Food Share I see that they definitely need a bigger space. It is a very busy place and can get quite crowded.

Thank you for reading this and please pass SB 452.