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SUBJECT: SUPPORT of North County Food Bank Infrastructure funding for New Distribution Facility

To: Members of the Oregon Legislature Ways and Means Capital Construction Sub-committee

Dear Senator Suzzane Weber, Assemblyman Javadi

As a resident of Tillamook County, I am writing in support of the North County Food Bank (NCFB) New Distribution Facility Capital Project. The NCFB has been an integral part of the North County community for over three decades.

The Oregon Food Bank recently reported a 51% increase in visits to food pantries across Oregon in the past 24 months. Tillamook County tends to track above the state average regarding food scarcity, with North County seeing up to 60% increase, making me realize the necessity of this resource in our community.

I have never faced food insecurity in my life. As a volunteer at the NCFB, I see it every time I am there. The people who line up for food have taught me a lot about need and dignity. The volunteers have taught me about commitment. I have no doubt we would deliver food out of the back of our cars if that's all we had. You have an opportunity here to support us as we build a modest distribution center that will facilitate food distribution in a comforting and welcoming space. We are a rural community and our need is great. Our fundraising is ongoing, but with the cost of everything going up, those funds are stretched too far. We need your help.

**Investing in core infrastructure that supports food access is a practical, long-term solution that provides a safety net, especially as food security becomes more unstable.**

Our request is focused and responsible. The funding we seek is limited to essential utilities, with an infrastructure investment that will serve the community for decades. I believe this project is the right solution for my neighbors.

I respectfully urge you to **SUPPORT** this request. Thank you for your consideration and service.

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