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Capital Construction
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Submitted to Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction.

I write in support of Sen. Suzanne Weber's request for funds for site improvements for the North County Food Bank's new distribution facility. This is not a handout but a helping hand for a nonprofit food bank that is otherwise a self-sustaining operation supported by citizen donors and volunteers, by the Oregon Food Bank, and by local businesses and nonprofits. With the recent reduction in SNAP benefits for previously eligible food insecure residents of Tillamook County the food bank's mission is critical to the well being of our neighbors.

The food bank has already raised the capital to purchase the land necessary to move its food distribution operation out of a decommissioned hospital that will be torn down. The food bank needs critical help from the State to install essential infrastructure, including power, water, and sewer.

I respectfully urge this subcommittee to include Sen Weber's requested funds.

Regards, Chip Greening