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The Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

I am writing in SUPPORT of Sen. Suzanne Weber's request for funds for site improvements to complete a new distribution facility for North County Food Bank (NCFB.) The food bank is a critical part of the safety net for our food-insecure Tillamook County neighbors. The local food bank has been in operation at its previous location for 33 years until the building was closed. Their continued presence is critically important to our community, particularly since federal food support is more difficult to obtain.

I was one of many volunteers for the NCFB in its "clothing bank" - where donated quality clothing for adults and children, toys and personal care items are sorted, cleaned & mended as necessary, then made available at no cost to food bank recipients and the public at large. I, and many other neighbors with means regularly donate food and dollars to NCFB. Community donations of time and money are generally enough to feed our less fortunate neighbors, but we cannot raise a building without help.

Investing in NCFB's infrastructure is a wise use of taxpayer funds, as it supports the well-being of Oregon residents.

Please allocate funds to the new NCFB Distribution Center.

Thank you.