



February 14, 2026

Subject: North Tillamook County Foodbank Infrastructure

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

On behalf of Lower Nehalem Community Trust (LNCT), I write this to express support for Senator Weber's request to fund North County Food Bank's infrastructure improvements – specifically sewer, water, and electrical service – for the site where their new permanent food distribution facility is to be built.

North County Food Bank is a longstanding and trusted partner in our community. Together, we serve individuals and families who face food insecurity due to fixed incomes, seasonal employment, and rising living costs. The Food Bank currently serves approximately 2,700 households each year and distributes thousands of pounds of food monthly through a volunteer-driven model that maximizes efficiency.

Over many, many years, LNCT's community garden program has delivered thousands of pounds of fresh produce, as well as vegetable plant starts for the Food Bank's distribution. Our volunteer gardeners take great pride in planning, growing, and sharing their harvest, knowing that it is reaching individuals and families who may not otherwise have access to the healthy choices of fresh vegetables and fruits such as are grown at LNCT's Alder Creek Farm in Nehalem.

Investment in core infrastructure for food access aligns with the state's priorities for rural health, emergency preparedness, and efficient capital deployment. With these improvements in place, construction of the new Food Bank can proceed and once complete, will enable their continued service to rural North Tillamook County.

LNCT strongly encourages approval of this request. Thank you for your leadership in supporting rural communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Moberly".

Debbie Moberly

President

Lower Nehalem Community Trust