

February 8, 2026

Subject: North Tillamook County Food Bank Infrastructure,

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

The Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay is proud to submit this letter of support for Senator Weber's request to fund the North County Food Bank's (NCFB) site infrastructure improvements—specifically sewer, water, and electrical service—for a new permanent food distribution facility. This investment will enable multigenerational return as community services and food security needs are met in Tillamook County.

North County Food Bank is a long-standing 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.

The North County Food Bank is part of the fabric of our community. We support their work each year, through our "Canned Food Tsunami" community food drive. Over the past three years, we have helped to raise funds and collected shelf stable foods for the Food Bank during this event and are proud to do so. The sustenance that the Food Bank provides to those in our community who struggle to feed themselves and their families is critical and the funding the organization is requesting is essential to their continued ability to provide this much needed service.

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 a ~1,200-square-foot distribution facility will proceed on time and budget. The building and site allow room for expansion and development of a community service hub. (See One-Pager Page 2 for site and building plans)

We view this project as a durable public investment with long-term benefit to the region. We strongly encourage approval of this request and thank you for your leadership in supporting rural communities.

Sincerely,



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