



February 10, 2026

Subject: North Tillamook County Food Bank Funding Request

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

I write on behalf of the Nehalem Bay Health District board in support of Senator Suzanne Weber's request to provide funding for infrastructure improvements related to the North County Food Bank's (NCFB). The Food Bank is seeking funding to address sewer, water, and electrical service for a new permanent food distribution facility in north Tillamook County.

North County Food Bank is a long-standing and trusted partner with the Health District and enjoys broad community support as it serves individuals and families who face food insecurity due to fixed incomes, seasonal employment, and rising living costs. The Food Bank serves approximately 2,700 households each year and distributes thousands of pounds of food monthly through a volunteer-driven model that maximizes efficiency.

Investment in core infrastructure for food access aligns with the state's priorities for rural health, emergency preparedness, and efficient capital deployment.

We strongly support this vital community request, urge your approval and thank you for your leadership in supporting rural communities here on the north coast. .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc C. Johnson".

Marc C. Johnson, President
Nehalem Bay Health District