



Oregon Food Bank
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Subject: North Tillamook County Food Bank Infrastructure

To: Members of the Oregon Legislature Ways and Means Capital Construction Subcommittee

Dear Senator Weber,

On behalf of Oregon Food Bank - Tillamook County Services, I am delighted to offer my support for Senator Weber's request to fund infrastructure support for the North County Food Bank's new site, to be directed toward sewer, water, and electrical service for a new permanent food distribution facility. This investment will enable a vital community service organization to provide food and basic needs to the most vulnerable members of our county for generations to come.

Oregon Food Bank partners with dozens of organizations across Tillamook County to provide food to hungry members of our community. Over the last two years, we have seen an unprecedented 50% increase in visits to food assistance sites across our local network. North County Food Bank is a vital part of our work to end hunger—they currently serve approximately 2,700 families each year, relying on a team of tireless volunteers to distribute thousands of pounds of food and other essential items each month. Faced with rising food insecurity, North County Food Bank has been unwavering in their service to their clients; they continue to serve their community with a commitment to the safety, dignity, and health of all people.

North County Food Bank's proposal for investment in infrastructure for their permanent home is deeply aligned with the state's priorities for rural health, emergency preparedness, and efficient capital deployment. It will allow for the swift and efficient development of a ~1200 square foot food distribution facility to meet our community's needs as soon as possible; and it will create a foundation for potential future development of a community service hub as we identify additional community needs in the future.

We are grateful for North County Food Bank's legacy of providing safe and accessible care to the most vulnerable members of our community, and are excited at the prospect of establishing a secure and sustainable home for their important work. We strongly encourage approval of this request and thank you for your leadership in supporting rural communities.

Sincerely,

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