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Testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 3A
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Mission:

*To eliminate
hunger and its
root causes. . .
because no
one should
be hungry.*

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With solemn gratitude, Oregon Food Bank celebrates the life of Emily Gottfried Georges as memorialized in Senate Concurrent Resolution 3. She was a friend of Oregon Food Bank. Emily served on Oregon Food Bank's Board Advocacy Committee for 5 years, helping to guide our legislative efforts to end hunger. More importantly, she a friend and voice for people experiencing poverty and hungry.

Emily was a leader in the wider effort to fight poverty in Oregon and beyond. She was a leader in the interfaith community. And she was a doer. Guided by her strong religious convictions, she co-founded the Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger in 2003, which provided a powerful outlet for Oregon's religious organizations to collaborate, share ideas, and to advocate for justice. It was because of Emily's energy and passion that the Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger got off to a successful beginning, hosting Governor Kulongoski and U.S. Senator Gordon Smith in its first two annual interfaith breakfasts. Ten years later, the Roundtable is a vibrant group with new leaders ready for another ten years.

Emily served on a local Emergency Food and Shelter Program board for about 9 years. The board made critical decisions about the allocation of federal funds to organizations working to alleviate hunger and homelessness. During her time on the board, she helped guide millions of federal dollars that helped many people experiencing poverty.

Many of us at Oregon Food Bank that had the privilege to work with her were always amazed at the energy and passion she brought to every project, event, and countless planning meetings. Whether it was the Board Advocacy Committee meeting or a meeting with local providers, she was willing to do more, to organize events, and to recruit volunteers. She was a tireless advocate.

There is no doubt that Oregon is a richer place because of the enormous contributions of Emily Georges Gottfried. Oregon Food Bank will miss her tremendously as will the entire state. We were blessed with her friendship, song, and life.

