



HOUSING ALLIANCE

February 26, 2019

Join Committee on Ways and Means on Human Services
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair Nosse, and members of the Committee:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Oregon Housing Alliance to express our support of investments in the Oregon Hunger Response Fund, as a part of HB 5026, which will help ensure all Oregonians have access to healthy, nutritious, and adequate food to eat.

The Oregon Housing Alliance is a coalition of ninety organizations from all parts of the state. Our members have come together with the knowledge that housing opportunity is the foundation on which all of our success is built – individual success as students, parents, workers, and community members as well as the success of our communities. We represent a diverse set of voices including non-profit housing developers, residents of affordable housing, local jurisdictions, and organizations working to meet basic needs in every corner of our state.

We believe that all Oregonians need a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home.

Members of our community are all too often forced to choose between paying rent and putting food on the table. We simply don't have enough affordable and available homes for people who need them in communities across Oregon. People are struggling with homelessness, housing instability, rent burdens, and to make ends meet and put food on the table. During the last school year, over 21,750 of our school children in grades K – 12 experienced homelessness at some point during the year.

The Oregon Food Bank and its network of food banks and pantries across the state have been on the front lines of helping families put food on the table by providing access to food pantries. An investment of \$4.2 million in the Oregon Hunger Response Fund will ensure food banks and pantries across the state can continue helping to meet basic needs for families and individuals.

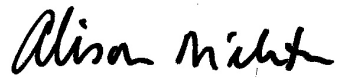
Hunger in Oregon is a problem we can solve together. Investing in the Oregon Hunger Response Fund means supporting statewide infrastructure to deliver healthy, nutritious food. Investing in the Oregon Hunger Response Fund is an investment in ensuring kids can go to school ready to learn, parents can go to work ready to be productive, and people don't have to go to bed hungry.

We have an opportunity to help Oregonians put food on the table and provide the basics for their families. Investing in the Oregon Hunger Response Fund is a critical investment in our kids, our neighbors, our families, and our seniors. We can help ensure every Oregonian has enough to eat. We

urge you to support an investment of \$4.2 million in the Oregon Hunger Response Fund as a part of HB 5026.

Thank you very much for your time, and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison McIntosh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alison McIntosh
On Behalf of the Oregon Housing Alliance

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Community Housing Fund
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