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To: Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction

From: Dusten Martin, COO, CCA Regional Food Bank

RE: HB 5030

Date: May 5, 2023

Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Holvey, and Members of the Committee

The CCA Regional Food Bank provides a safety net to individuals and families living and working in Clatsop County. We supply needed food resources to our county's children, seniors, workforce, and families as they wrestle with inflation and stretched household budgets. We know we do not do this work alone. Our local Network of food pantries, senior centers, backpack programs, meal sites, shelters, and volunteers work in coordination to provide safe and efficient distribution of approximately 1.5 million pounds of food resources annually.

Our regional food bank network is requesting \$22M for one-time infrastructure investments into our regional food banks across the state. This request will help strengthen our statewide distribution network and support Oregonians facing hunger.

Funds will allow us to meet the increased needs, while strengthening our statewide network to ensure food remains available to all who need it, for years to come.

The CCA Regional Food Bank would use its portion of these funds to help fund a walk-in cooler and freezer upgrade. This will help keep our nutritious produce as fresh as possible and our meats and other frozen items at a safe temperature. We have also identified the need to build an overflow parking area on our existing property to handle the expanding number of struggling families and individuals accessing our food distributions. Upgrades to aging power equipment to assist in the unloading and loading of trucks and mortgage reduction have also been identified as areas to strengthen our ability to maintain our distribution of food resources.

We are mindful as we make this request that food banking alone is not a permanent solution to hunger. Hunger is not just an empty stomach or an individual experience. We are encouraged that the legislature is also taking action to address the reasons why so many people seek emergency food.



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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. We urge you to support this important request.

Please reach out with any question or if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dusten Martin', written over a white background.

Dusten Martin
Chief Operations Officer