

TO: Senate Committee on Rules  
FROM: Susannah Morgan, President, Oregon Food Bank  
RE: Support for SCR 212 - Honoring the Life of Senator Cliff Trow  
DATE: February 20, 2024



Chair Lieber, Vice-Chair Knopp, and members of the committee,

Oregon Food Bank honors the life and legacy of former Senator Cliff Trow. We offer condolences to his family and friends, and give gratitude for his service to Oregon.

Oregon Food Bank's mission is to eliminate hunger and its root causes. Oregon Food Bank was founded in 1988, and Oregon Food Bank has participated with pride in the Oregon Hunger Task Force since its inception in 1989.

We honor Senator Trow for his longstanding commitment to ending hunger in Oregon. Senator Trow was an active member of the Oregon Hunger Task Force and a longtime supporter of our colleagues at Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon. Senator Trow also served as a Board Member for the Oregon Center for Public Policy. He was honored with the Jerry Bieberle Award in recognition of legislative leadership and dedication to fighting poverty in Oregon.

As an American history professor at Oregon State University, Senator Trow understood better than most that America is governed by the people, for the people, and that each of us has an opportunity and a responsibility to help America grow in the direction of compassion and inclusion. In an oral history interview, Senator Trow stated that his motivation, as a legislator and as a community volunteer, was to make life better for people by enhancing education and keeping people healthy. His most prominent campaign slogan briefly sums up his impact: "Caring and Doing."

We imagine Senator Trow would be dismayed by the current state of hunger in Oregon, yet also resolved to work toward solutions. Last year, we saw 1.9 million visits to food assistance sites through the Oregon Food Bank Network — a 14% increase from the previous year. And the prevalence of hunger is at its highest among Oregonians who have faced systemic inequities for generations: communities of color, immigrants and refugees, single parents and caregivers, and our trans and gender non-conforming neighbors.

**We urge the committee's support for SCR 212.** We should honor those who fought hunger throughout their lives in words and in our actions. And may we all honor Senator Trow's legacy by 'caring and doing' right by our communities and our state.

Oregon Food Bank  
Headquarters /  
Metro Services  
7900 NE 33rd Drive  
Portland, OR 97211  
503-282-0555

Oregon Food Bank  
Washington County  
Services  
1870 NW 173rd Ave  
Beaverton, OR 97006  
503-439-6510

Oregon Food Bank  
Tillamook County  
Services  
PO Box 1344  
Tillamook, OR 97141  
503-842-3154

Oregon Food Bank  
Southeast Oregon  
Services  
773 S Oregon Street  
Ontario, OR 97914  
541-889-9206

Columbia Gorge  
Food Bank  
3610 Crates Way  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
541-370-2333

