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**House Republican Leader Lucetta Elmer Calls for Accountability and  
Compassion in Oregon's SNAP Funding**

**SALEM, Ore. — House Republican Leader Lucetta Elmer (R-McMinnville)** issued the following statement today regarding recent emergency funding decisions for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in Oregon:

"Oregonians are grateful that families in need can access food and basic necessities through programs like SNAP. No one wants to see children or seniors go hungry — and I deeply value the many community organizations and volunteers who help feed their neighbors every day," said Leader Elmer.

"However, it's important that we take a closer look at how taxpayer dollars are being used. Oregon continues to send out massive amounts of money across multiple programs, often with little accountability or follow-up to ensure the funds are truly needed or effective. Asking questions about outcomes and efficiency isn't cruel — it's responsible governance," she continued.

Elmer noted that Oregon's emergency funding for food programs comes at a time when the federal government remains partially shut down, a situation that disproportionately impacts working families and low-income households.

"If Democrats in Washington would stop blocking efforts to reopen the government, Oregon wouldn't be forced into emergency spending measures like this," Elmer said. "Oregon families deserve stable, transparent government — not political stalemates that hurt the very people we're trying to help."

Elmer reaffirmed that Oregon House Republicans will continue advocating for both compassion and accountability — ensuring that taxpayer resources reach those who truly need them while addressing inefficiencies in state programs.

"We can care deeply about people and still expect accountability from government," she added. "Those two values should go hand in hand."

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