



## OREGON STATE SENATE

April 11, 2025

The Honorable Brooke Rollins  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Rollins,

We write you today on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of Oregonians who are food insecure and rely on food banks across the state for free, nutritious food on a daily basis. The recent news that food deliveries to the Oregon Food Bank will soon be cut by 1/3 is devastating for them. Federal food deliveries make up nearly 20% of what Oregon food banks receive and distribute at the 21 regional food banks in Oregon. They serve urban and rural communities in every corner of our state.

These cuts, along with dozens of others announced in recent weeks, directly threaten the wellbeing, and in some cases the survival, of the most food-insecure and vulnerable families among us. This would be difficult to understand in the best of times; coming as it does while dramatic tax reductions for the very wealthiest Americans are being proposed, it becomes incomprehensible to us. The apparent choice to prioritize the pocketbooks of the 1% over the baseline survival needs of our most needy is one we can neither accept nor ignore.

We implore you in the strongest possible terms to immediately resume food deliveries in full to the Oregon Food Bank, and to provide a helping hand to people who are trying to find ways to survive rather than to extraordinarily affluent Americans by means of yet another tax reduction.

Sincerely,

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