

October 28, 2025

Governor Tina Kotek
Senate President Rob Wagner
House Speaker Julie Fahey
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Via Email

Dear Governor Kotek and Presiding Officers:

Clackamas County is asking for your support to please continue meeting Oregonian's basic needs. We are concerned with the impending emergency we will face in our shared communities when Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will be discontinued November 1, 2025, if Congress fails to end the federal shutdown.

SNAP provides essential food to our most vulnerable individuals and families. Clackamas County has approximately 10% of Oregon's population and we estimate there are over 48,000 SNAP recipients in our county alone.

If the state is unable to provide immediate assistance by November 1, the Board of County Commissioners is prepared to discuss declaring an emergency, allowing us to address food scarcity in our community. We will explore innovative partnerships to procure food, begin outreach and awareness activities to encourage those who are able to donate to local food banks, and put our own county resources into this effort. This will only provide temporary relief.

Clackamas County can't do this alone, we urge you to find state resources until these issues are resolved at the federal level.

Sincerely,