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Hunger-Free Oregon

*Ending hunger before it begins.*

To: Ways and Means Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

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PHFO urges your support for additional funding for EHA and SHAP. The effects of the Great Recession are still very evident among families, especially those with young children. As a result, many members of our communities are still having trouble paying rent and meeting their basic needs.

While Oregon has put in place some good policies and funding for food programs, food alone will not sustain these families as they work to get back on their feet and stabilize their living situations so that their children are able to do well in school.

People shouldn't have to choose between paying their rent and putting food on the table – but too many Oregonians are making that choice. Please do all you can to substantially increase funds for these vital programs.