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Honorable J. Luis Correa
United States House of Representatives
2301 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Orange County Food Bank Funding Request

Dear Congressman Correa,

I am writing to support the Orange County Food Bank's request for funding to help secure a permanent facility to continue providing critical service to the community. The Food Bank is in its 56th year of operation and serves all of Orange County from its main facility in Garden Grove.

The Orange County Food Bank is at a crossroads in meeting its facility needs. Annual rent for the Food Bank is over \$1 million and is projected to increase.

In 2021, the Food Bank distributed 43 million pounds of food, helping **500,000 vulnerable people each month, and supplies food to approximately 300 other community-based organizations.**

Food insecurity remains a #1 issue in Orange County, and the high inflation we're experiencing drives food insecurity. If we can help with the warehouse operations, OC Food Bank will better serve the residents of Orange County.

I appreciate your consideration of this worthwhile funding request. This is a substantial investment for our most vulnerable residents.

Respectfully,

Larry Agran
Councilmember
City of Irvine

cc: Irvine City Council
Irvine City Manager