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April 26, 2021

The Honorable Sam Graves
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Re: T-HUD Support Letter, Second Harvest Community Food Bank Van

Dear Congressman Graves:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the T-HUD Appropriations Community Project Funding request being submitted by Second Harvest Community Food Bank.

As the State Senator and former Board Chair for Second Harvest, I am very familiar with the organization and the service they provide throughout Northwest Missouri. The organization has a tremendous reputation of providing support to children, seniors, and families in need throughout the region. Throughout the pandemic, they have responded tremendously to an increased need throughout the region. Second Harvest has seen an increased need to distribute fresh product, including milk, protein and produce and the additional refrigerated van will help support delivery of this product throughout the region.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of Second Harvest as they seek external funding to support the purchase of a new refrigerated van. This funding will benefit the over 51,000 food insecure individuals, families, children, and seniors in the Second Harvest service territory. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Hegeman".

Dan Hegeman
Missouri State Senator, 12th District



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The Honorable Sam Graves
411 Jules Street, Room 111
St. Joseph, MO 64501

Re: T-HUD Support Letter, Second Harvest Community Food Bank Van

Dear Congressman Graves:

I am writing in support of the T-HUD Appropriations Community Project Funding request being submitted by Second Harvest Community Food Bank.

As the Mayor for the City of St. Joseph, I am very familiar with Second Harvest and the work they do to support individuals in St. Joseph and throughout the region. I have worked closely with the organization as the annual Mayors' Thanksgiving Dinner supports their work of providing nutritious food product to families in need. Throughout the pandemic they have witnessed an increased need and have responded by increasing services and distributing more food product than ever before. In St. Joseph we have witnessed lines of vehicles accessing their mobile food pantry distributions that have spanned numerous city blocks.

The addition of a refrigerated van will help support their ongoing distributions and focus on delivering fresh, nutritious food product throughout the region. For these reasons, I fully support their request for funding through the T-HUD Appropriations Community Project Funding. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill McMurray", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bill McMurray
Mayor

Cameron Food Pantry & Clothes Closet



April 26, 2021

Gwen Forsythe
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Re: T-HUD Support Letter, Second Harvest Community Food Bank Van

Dear Congressman Graves:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the T-HUD Appropriations Community Project Funding request being submitted by Second Harvest Community Food Bank.

As Site-Director and Treasurer of Cameron Food Pantry & Clothes Closet, I know firsthand the exceptional work Second Harvest does for our neighbors in need throughout Northwest Missouri. Second Harvest was very quick to act with the onset of the pandemic and the vast increase in the number of children, seniors, and family needing food assistance. Funding from the T-HUD Appropriations would aid their work in bringing nourishment and hope to the hungry. An additional refrigerated van would permit Second Harvest to distribute perishable food to through programs designed to reach specific groups of food insecure, such as summer feeding programs, Partner Agency distributions, and after school programming.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of Second Harvest as they seek external funding to support the purchase of a new refrigerated van. This funding will benefit the over 51,000 food insecure individuals, families, children, and seniors in the Second Harvest service territory.

Sincerely,

Gwen Forsythe

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Site-Director & Treasurer
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