April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Food Bank Donation Facilities in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Food Bank of the Rockies located at 10700 E 45th Ave, Denver, CO 80239.

This project will allow Food Bank of the Rockies to accept food donations they are currently unable to accept through building clean rooms which can be used for repackaging bulk food like dry cereal and rice, as well as meat. The clean rooms will ensure bulk donations are handled safely and repackaged into usable sizes for families and individuals in need, as well as rescue food which would otherwise go to waste. One clean room will be specifically for handling meat which requires a USDA certification and on-site inspector, something the vast majority of smaller nonprofit charitable food distributors do not have the capacity to implement. These clean rooms will support the entire charitable food assistance network in Colorado by increasing Food Bank of the Rockies’ capacity for accepting donations which otherwise would be discarded.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Ed Perlmutter
Member of Congress