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Community Action Partnership of Orange County

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Dear Ms. Basdakis,

Thank you for your leadership in coordinating volunteers benefitting those served by the OC Food Bank during the advent of the COVID-19 crisis.

The OC Food Bank lost all of our long-established volunteer groups immediately following coronavirus related stay-at-home / social distancing orders. The labor to support the operation of the OC Food Bank is provided primarily by 18,000 volunteers. The Food Bank was designated an "essential service" so even though we lost our volunteer base, the work of the Food Bank needed to continue.

The volunteers that you rallied from FOCUS championed our work. During the week that followed California's social distancing order, 145 FOCUS representatives volunteered at the OC Food Bank assembling thousands of food boxes for vulnerable seniors and families.

Thank you for being a person and people who rise to the challenge at a time of crisis. The self-sacrificing service provided by FOCUS, strengthened the ability of the OC Food Bank to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Lowry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "y" at the end.

Mark A. Lowry
Director
CAP OC / OC Food Bank