

Hi there, I am writing in support of the two bills in the Oregon State Legislature to increase state funding for FDNPs:

SB 456 adds \$400k for green Farm Direct checks that go to seniors, and

HB2992 adds \$500k for green Farm Direct checks that go to WIC families.

As the manager of the Oregon City farmers Market for the past six years I have seen first-hand the benefit of the WIC and Farm-Direct checks to the young families and seniors . These checks prompt customers to shop at the Market, customers who may not have realized the scope of the Market's produce and the cost-effectiveness of shopping for fresh healthy foods from the source, the local farmers. Introducing young families and seniors to this farm direct shopping increases the amount of nutrition they receive in their diet . The Farmers benefit from the extra income also and the multiplier effect keeps those dollars in our communities. This is a win win situation and I sincerely hope you will consider a yes vote!

Sincerely,

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