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I want to express my support and appreciation for the Oregon Farm Direct Nutrition program. I started a small farmers market in my neighborhood two years ago with a few other people. The FDNP vouchers help to support the small farms selling at our market and thus help support the market itself. There are many health benefits to the program. Not only the fresh healthy food, but also walking outside and feeling like you are part of a community have positive health effects. Running a small market like ours is mostly a volunteer operation and let me tell you the mots of the farms are barely scraping by as well. The FDNP vouchers are for a small amount, but every little bit is helpful to keep things going when you don't have much.

Please don't reduce funding to the program. Thanks,

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