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I am writing in regards to the Governor's recommended 2017-19 budget, specifically the Oregon Farm Direct Nutrition program (part of the General Fund appropriations from the 2015-17 budget). The discontinuation of funding for this important program is a loss of \$300,000 and will lead to less access to Oregon-grown produce for those who need it most and can afford it the least. Everyone deserves access not just to food but to nutritious, high quality fruits and vegetables. The added benefit of this program is that it keeps these funds close to home, supporting our local small farm economy. The benefits of maintaining this funding should be obvious and I strongly recommend that this decision is reconsidered.

Thank you,

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