

**From:** Amanda Cross  
**To:** [JWMHS Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** Farm Direct Nutrition Program for WIC and Seniors  
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Dear Members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services:

I am writing to voice support for funding the Farm Direct Nutrition Program. The program has been instrumental in helping low income seniors and families in Montavilla (Portland) shop at the farmers market and get access to the freshest produce in the area. FDNP also generates direct sales for our market farmers and supports the local economy.

Discontinuing the General Fund appropriations for this program means a loss of \$300,000 for the 2017-19 biennium and fewer food options for poor people, and fewer sales for Oregon family farmers. Montavilla Farmers Market strongly encourages continuing funding for FDNP so that it remains a program with strong impact in our community.

Sincerely,

**Amanda Cross** | *Market Manager*  
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