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**From:** Alissa Leavitt (Green) <green.alissa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2017 5:34 PM  
**To:** HAGNR Exhibits  
**Subject:** HB 2038

Dear Representative Clem and Members of the Committee,

My name is Alissa Leavitt and I am from Portland Oregon. I am a parent of a child in the Portland Public Schools District. As both a parent and a public health professional, I'm writing to ask you to support HB 2038. Funding for Oregon's Farm to School and School Garden programs must be preserved or expanded. I would have liked to be there with you in person for the hearing but I wasn't able to make the trip.

There are many benefits of this program because it helps children, farmers, and Oregon's economy together. Research shows that there are benefits of school gardens in the areas of academic achievement, physical health, social and mental well being in addition to school and community benefits.

Specifically, I have seen it make a difference in the exposure of healthy foods.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

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