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To: HAGNR Exhibits
Subject: Farm to school support letter

Dear Representative Clem and Members of the Committee,

My name is Erin Thompson and I am from North Powder. I am the Farm to School coordinator at North Powder Charter School.

I'm writing to ask you to support HB 2038, to preserve or expand funding for Oregon's Farm to School and School Garden programs. I would have liked to be there with you in person for the hearing but I wasn't able to make the trip.

This program is important to me because it helps kids, farmers, and Oregon's economy, all at once. Specifically, I have seen it make a difference for for the students in our school. It has given them the opportunity to learn where their food comes from, how it is grown, and why it is healthy for you.

We have been able to gain better relationships between our local producers and students through farm field trips. Where the students have gained hands on learning experiences.

Here at North Powder we are lucky enough to have a garden on our school grounds. The students able to learn how to plant, grow, harvest and prepare food from this garden. And be able to take pride in knowing that they have helped to make their school lunches healthier.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

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