



TESTIMONY FOR SB 241

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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I would like to offer my support of SB 241 and the renewal and increase of the Oregon Crop Donation Tax Credit. I am a Food Resource Developer for Oregon Food Bank. I work with growers, manufacturers and processors throughout the State to get donated product into the Oregon Food Bank Network statewide.

I use the Crop Donation Tax Credit as a tool to open doors to businesses for donations. Not everyone wants to immediately think about giving away their products for donations. They are in business to make money. If I can come to them with a donation solution that returns some of their input costs to soften the blow of a 100% donation, I can get my foot in the door to start a relationship. Maybe, in the future, they'll give a straight all out donation. The Oregon Crop Donation Tax Credit allows me start the conversation.

The 15% amount that is currently in the sun setting bill has been a nice way to introduce ourselves to growers and producers around the state. I feel the increase to 30% will really open the door to newer donors that will seek us out to offer that excess product that they might not be able to move through their normal channels. Knowing they could recover more of the cost of the packaging or transportation will hopefully swing their choice from destroying the product to donating the product.

I hope you will renew the Oregon Crop Donation Tax Credit this year and increase the percentage to 30% to help all hunger relief organization throughout Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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