

Chair Gelser and Members of the Committee,

My name is Love Jonson. I manage a farm stand for an organic vegetable farm at the Portland State University Farmers Market, one of the largest farmers markets in the state. I am writing to request your support for **SB 727**.

SB 727 supports the expansion of Double Up Food Bucks Oregon, a SNAP incentive program with a proven record of success. For every dollar spent on SNAP-eligible foods at participating farmers markets, farm share programs, and grocery stores across the state, shoppers will receive a dollar to spend on Oregon-grown fruits and vegetables.

This program is important to me because **I see every Saturday how the ability to purchase high-quality vegetables with food assistance benefits our most marginalized neighbors**. Our market's ability to accept food assistance breaks down the economic barriers that low-income folks face and **supports our farmers—who often make so little money that they need food assistance themselves**.

Our farm attends multiple markets and we see a difference in how much money comes from food assistance programs at the markets that participate in Double Up Food Bucks versus those that cannot. **Because of the extra assistance the program provides, our farm is able to offer a 20% discount to anyone paying with food assistance, leveraging those dollars even more to help feed our community**.

Please support SB 727 so that **farmers and eaters across the state can thrive regardless of their financial situation**.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service,

Love Jonson

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