



Grants Pass Growers Market
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Dear Oregon Farmers Markets Association,

I am the Market Manager at the Grants Pass Growers Market in Grants Pass, and I am writing to express our support for **SB 727 / HB 2837**. This legislation is important to Oregon's farmers markets because it supports the expansion of Double Up Food Bucks Oregon (DUFBO). This Dollar-to-dollar SNAP matching program has proven to be successful across the state and has been very impactful at our own market.

This program is important to market, our customers and our vendors because the program has expanded the range of our customers ability to purchase vitally important fresh fruits and vegetables. In the Grants Pass Growers Market the DUFBO program our local farmers increased their revenue by \$4635.00 in just 4 months during the pilot program. Our customers using the SNAP program were especially pleased that with the addition of DUFBO they could purchase more produce while using their SNAP benefits to supplement the purchase of breads, jams and other products to enhance and round out their food budget.

In our opinion your support of this program is a definite win for all Oregon Farmers Markets. We believe all vendors in our market and our community have benefited.

Quotes from customers include "Oh wonderful. Thank-you" "Now we can get veggies and the cheese" and most recently "When will it start up again?" Our answer to that is "When and if we get the funding".

Thank-you for your consideration in the matter.

Please do provide this letter to the legislators considering this matter, and thank them on behalf for the opportunity fo us to provide written testimony. We urge their support of this bill

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