

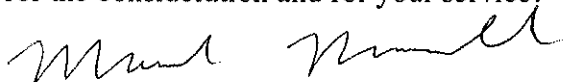
Dear Chair Gelser and Members of the Committee,

My name is Maud Powell I am a farmer as well as the coordinator of the Siskiyou Sustainable Cooperative, a coop of seven family farms. I live in Jacksonville, but we deliver to seven cities in Jackson and Josphine counties. 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 very important to me because SUFB has been tremendously helpful in marketing our CSA program in the past. In 2017, we were able to use DUFB to help fund fifty 20-week CSA shares for families. This helped all those families eat healthier food, with many of them reporting positive health outcomes, while also supporting seven family farms. The program has so many benefits, both for the health and well-being of Oregonians, as well as for the agricultural economy of our state's many family farms.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maud Powell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Maud Powell, Jacksonville, OR.