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Subject: Written testimony for SB 727

Chair Gelser and Members of the Committee,

My name is Randy Kiyokawa, a third-generation farmer from Parkdale Oregon, which is in the beautiful Hood River Valley. 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 because it has allowed those who can least afford fresh and nutritious fruits and vegetables a chance to purchase it at farmers markets and other approved sources. By continue financial funding for SB 727, you also help our local farmers by allowing them to receive retail prices, which I earn 4-times more than if I sent my apples and pears through the conventional route. Double UP Food Bucks is a Double Win for farmers and consumers!

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

Best Regards,

Randy Kiyokawa