

To: Senate Committee on Rules

From: Matt Newell-Ching, Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon

RE: HB 4107 - Farmers Markets and Farm Stands as Public Accommodations

Date: February 28, 2020

We would like to put on the record that we are puzzled as to why there is an effort to exclude Farmers Markets and Roadside Stands from the public accommodations requirements of this bill (-19 and -22 amendments). While we are not aware of any such businesses that do not already accept cash, we believe it's a matter of equity that all businesses selling food ought to ensure that unbanked customers are able to purchase produce at these locations.

We will continue to monitor the development of this bill and implementation as it progresses.