



Dear Subcommittee on Natural Resources,

I am writing you to express my support for funding the ODA and their marketing programs. Especially the Ag Marketing and Development Program, package 430 and package 090. ODA has been instrumental in helping us grow our vertically integrated mint farm. Seely Mint is now a nationally recognized brand, including Canada too.

ODA needs the resources to help new businesses get started, help them grow in to larger regional distribution and additional help as they look to export. I support package 430.

I believe package 090 should be increased to \$2,000,000. The small farming and food processors are in desperate need of critical investment which banks are unwilling to provide. A perfect example is Small meat processors need investment and this helps the ranchers who provide the stock to them. It also helps the end consumer who wants to buy local.

I urge you to support package 430 and increase funding for 090

Thank You,

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