

Chair Williams and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jen Anonia. I am a program manager for a non-profit food bank, and part of my responsibilities include managing an educational farm with a CSA and a produce stand in Lane County. I am writing to request your support for SB 2292.

SB 2292 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 to me because of the many benefits it brings to the community. DUFB gives food insecure households improved access to nutritious fresh produce. DUFB increases economic support to local farms. DUFB stimulates the local economy by giving more dollars directly to consumers and local producers.

It's been a rough year, and Oregonians need better access to fresh foods, and our farmers and local businesses need support to stay in business. Most importantly to me, DUFB is about equity. Consumers who would not even think about buying produce from farmers markets or joining a CSA because they are cost prohibitive, can with DUFB, now access the same high quality food their more affluent neighbors can afford. We cannot have a healthy population when only the most economically privileged can afford nutritious food. DUFB helps level the field, creating a healthier Oregon.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

Sincerely,

Jen Anonia

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