

Submitter: Angela Escamillas

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2728

To the overseeing committee members,

My name is Angela. I am a resident in Medford. I am writing to request your support for HB 2728.

HB 2728 supports the expansion of Double Up Food Bucks Oregon, a SNAP matching program with a proven record of success. For every dollar spent on SNAP-eligible foods at participating farmers markets, farm stands, CSA programs, and grocery stores across the state, shoppers will receive an additional dollar to spend on Oregon-grown fruits and vegetables.

This program is important to me because it brings healthy food into our homes and supports farms and farmers. It helps economic development in rural Oregon and creates a healthy pathway for our children. Teaching our kids to eat healthy, increases their health and the health of the community. Children learning the importance of farm fresh foods teaching them that food doesn't just come from cans on a shelf! They can be inspired to teach their children about supporting farming and stay local and contribute to our local economy.

Rising inflation and COVID has impacted us. We want to shop local, this is a pride we can take in living in rural Oregon. DUFB can help alleviate these impacts. I am so grateful to the Medford Coop for sponsoring this program. Please help us spread the word by funding this program.

Thank you your consideration!

Angela Escamillas