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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2728

Chair Reynolds, Vice Chairs Nguyen and Scharf, and Members of the Committee,

My name is James. I am a farmer in Bend. 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 I am a farmer and Oregon resident that receives DUFB to feed my family, the DUFB program has provided me the opportunity to purchase quality local foods from other farmers around my area at Farmer's Markets and wonderful stores like our Locavore Market in Bend that accepts DUFB. As a resident receiving this program benefit, I can attest to the importance that these DUFB benefits provide to families in choosing healthy local foods. I can only hope that you will see the benefits are essential in sustaining a thriving local foods program throughout family communities that are in need of programs like DUFB.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service.
James of Bend