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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 Morgan Schanski. I serve as the Vice President of the Montavilla Farmers Market Board of Directors in Portland. 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 believe that all of our community members should have access to the most nutritious foods that our state has to offer, not just those at a certain socioeconomic level.

The cost of the healthiest foods - locally grown organic fruits & vegetables - is substantially higher than the majority of food found in our grocery stores: highly processed foods with limited nutritious value. It is not fair for any individuals or families to compromise healthful groceries due to cost prohibitions. DUFB transactions at the Montavilla Farmers Market has substantially increased year over year, indicating clear demand & interest from our community members to adopt a diet of local, fresh produce. Let's ensure all who are striving to adopt a healthy diet are supported in doing so.

I urge your support for HB 2728.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service.

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