

Co-Chair Steiner, Co-Chair Sanchez, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Eman Abbas. I am a resident of Hillsboro. I request your support for **HB 2728**. **HB 2728** 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 farmer's markets, farm share programs, and grocery stores across the state, shoppers will receive a dollar to spend on Oregon-grown fruits and vegetables.

As a single mom, double up means giving my kids more healthy fruits and vegetables without worrying about not having enough to cover my monthly expenses.

This program is important to me because I believe in food justice, and all people should be able to eat good food to keep them healthy and help them reach their potential.

COVID-19 has impacted our community, and the food insecurity rate increased, which led to many people suffering from hunger! DUFBO makes it easy for low-income families to eat more fruits and vegetables while supporting family farmers, powers our economies, and protects our planet.

Thank you for your consideration and your service.

Eman Abbas, Hillsboro