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On Behalf Of: Funding the Double Up Food Bucks program  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

My name is Tania Neubauer and I am a resident of Multnomah County. I am writing to request your support for the Double Up Food Bucks program within the Department of Human Services agency budget (SB 5526).

The Self Sufficiency portion of SB5526 supports continuation 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.

As a safety-net primary care provider in community clinics in the Portland Metro and Willamette Valley regions, I see firsthand how hard it is for my patients to have access to fresh produce, and I want the many good results of this program, which supports local farmers as well as local families to eat healthy food and improve their health and prevent the high costs of poor health, to keep going. With the rising cost of healthy food, we need this program even more today. Please keep it going.