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Co-Chairs Senator Lieber and Representative Sanchez and members of the Committee

As Board Chair of Rogue Valley Farm to School, I am writing on behalf of our small non profit and the entire Farm to School Program to emphasize how vital your support of Farm to School funding !!!!! We serve farmiles ,school aged children and farmers in vital ways:

- 1) For schools and early childhood education programs to purchase Oregon foods for their cafeterias
- 2) To teach young children where their food comes from via hands-on farm and garden education programs
- 3) To fund equipment and infrastructure for food producers and technical assistance for the farm to school community.

In these chaotic times the key aspects of ODE support for Farm to School must continue to assure food access and food equity in our state where up to 1 in 4 families experiences food insecurity!!!!

I am testifying today in support of funding for the Farm to School Grant Program included in the Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Department of Agriculture budgets.

Thanks you for your consideration
Katherine Roselli
Rogue Valley Farm to Schoiol Board Chair