

TESTIMONY FOR SB 241

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BY TORI COLVARD

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I would like to offer my support of SB 241 and the renewal and increase of the Oregon Crop Donation Tax Credit. I am Tori Colvard, Food & Nutrition Program Manager, for the Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO). CAPECO is a community action program that provides many services to low income people in seven different counties throughout Oregon. CAPECO also serves as the regional food bank for Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, and Wheeler counties. Through our seventeen partner agencies, CAPECO served 57,176 individuals throughout those four counties in 2018.

The crop donation tax credit helps CAPECO receive fresh produce donations from our local growers. The produce is distributed to the hungry children, seniors, families, and individuals who are food insecure in our community's.

An increase in the percentage of the Oregon crop donation tax credit would help CAPECO motivate our current donors to donate more and engage new local growers to donate for the first time. The increase in donations would play an important part in supplying more healthy and nutritious foods to food insecure people living in our community's.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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