

March 2, 2021  
Oregon State Legislature  
House Committee on Human Services

Chair Williams and Members of the Committee,

My name is Two Foxes Singing, the Executive Director of AntFarm, a nonprofit youth and family organization in Sandy, Oregon. I am writing to request your support for HB2292.

HB2292 support 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 farmers markets, farm share programs, and grocery stores across the state, shoppers will receive a dollar to spend on Oregon-grown fruits and vegetables.

I have been asked to support various bills during my 30+ years leading nonprofit organizations and seldom do this. This particular bill is extremely important however so I write to you. As we are aware health is adversely affected by poor nutrition. We also are aware that our small farmers struggle to make a program. This is one program that directly impacts the health of our citizens regardless of age, race, or culture. It also directly impacts the health of our farmers. It is a program that connects all people and directly puts health into our communities through nutrition and economics.

Our nonprofit has been a leader in youth development for years. We have a small garden where we teach the skills of growing vegetables. We are proud and happy to take both vegetables and youth to the Farmers Market each week during the season to teach, learn, and share with the community. This program provides additional incentive for the experience.

During Covid-19 we stepped up to support Clackamas County youth and families through processing 1.6 million dollars in CARES Act Rent Assistance Funding. We also are a Public Health Wrap-Around Support for OHA receiving on average 8-12 referrals for active Covid cases. No matter the severity of cases, the wrap around and rent assistance during this time has changed the lives of these people forever. They have a thread of hope. When I look at the current state of affairs in our county, state, and nation, I am excited to be able to reach out to our communities and teach about health, share about caring, and provide people hope. HB2292 will do that.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

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