

Hello, my name is Micah Bishop, I am 22, and I have only been able to eat during this pandemic because I have been on SNAP. I am a working-poor college graduate who has been assembling odd jobs, but I was unable to get food stamps pre-pandemic for multiple reasons. There are so many barriers in place for food accessibility, as you may know, listening to so many people come to you with their struggles and tribulations. This bill would increase accessibility to good, clean, local food, something that is very pressing in this era. It is so important to expand accessibility to food that is healthier for our bodies (food that is free of additives and nutritionally beneficial) and healthier for our planet (food that didn't use fossil fuels to travel far distances across the country to get to our plates). I will keep this message short and sweet by saying, anything that increases the relationship between people and the land, is worth investing time and money. Anything that increases the collective health of the public, is worth investing time and money. I support HB 2292 to implement and administer a SNAP match program across Oregon. Thank you.