

Chair Gelser and Members of the Committee:

My name is Cindee Lolik. I am a grocery partner in the Double Up Food Bucks program. I am writing to request your support for the passage of SB 555. This bill supports the expansion of the Double Up Food Bucks Oregon, a SNAP incentive program with a proven record of success. For every dollar spent on fresh produce at participating farmers markets, farm share programs, and grocery stores across the state, shopper will receive a dollar to spend on Oregon-grown fruits and vegetables.

I want to highly endorse this program. Our stores have been participated for only a short time but our SNAP customers are thrilled to be able to buy more fresh produce especially locally grown. We also understand that it would be of enormous help to some of our shopper to have assistance from nonprofit organizations in understanding and implementing this program. We consider this program increasingly important in the current pandemic – this lets folks eat better high quality nutritious foods and also supports our local producers who have been impacted by the pandemic.

Thank you for your time and consideration in passing this bill.