

Chair Reynolds and Members of the Committee,

My name is Cammi Broadbent. I am a resident in Corvallis, OR. I am writing to request your support for **HB 2728**.

HB 2728 supports the expansion of Double Up Food Bucks Oregon, a SNAP matching program with a proven record of success. For every dollar spent on SNAP-eligible foods at participating farmers markets, farm stands, CSA programs, and grocery stores across the state, shoppers will receive an additional dollar to spend on Oregon-grown fruits and vegetables.

This program is important to me because I am a food-insecure individual on SNAP. The Double Up Food Bucks program has dramatically increased the quality of food I have been able to afford for myself and my loved ones. Eating fresh fruits and vegetables from local farms has substantially increased my quality of life and productivity. Such nutritious produce gives me more energy than the highly processed foods I would otherwise be buying. On top of that, I feel good buying produce from local farms, supporting the local economy.

These past few years have been challenging. The cost of food increased by over 10% in 2022, which impacted communities already facing disparities the hardest. Many Oregonians will be losing pandemic-related food assistance after this month. Double Up Food Bucks is one important way we can support community members struggling to afford food, invest in Oregon's farmers, and support local economies.

Passing HB 2728 would mean that more Oregonians participating in SNAP would have access to fruits and vegetables. It means more grocery stores, farmers markets, and more CSAs in more corners of the state can participate.

**I urge your support for HB 2728.**

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