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Rep. Lisa Reynolds, Chair and Committee Members
House Committee on Early Childhood and Human Services
State Capitol
Salem, OR

Re: HB 2728 – Double Up Food Bucks

Dear Chair Reynolds and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to support HB 2728. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice.

HB 2728 both supports Oregon farmers and helps feed Oregon families. HB 2728 expands Double Up Food Bucks Oregon, a matching program for recipients of supplemental nutrition assistance. For every dollar spent on SNAP eligible foods at participating farmers markets, farm stands, CSA programs, and grocery stores, shoppers will receive an additional dollar to spend on Oregon-grown fruits and vegetables.

We urge you to support this win-win program for Oregon families and farmers. Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Kyle McCurdy".

Mary Kyle McCurdy
Deputy Director