



Join Committee On Ways and Means  
Oregon State Capitol  
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Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez and members of the Committee:

As Board Co-Chair of Rogue Valley Farm to School, I am writing on behalf of our small non profit and the entire Farm to School Program to emphasize how vital your support of the Farm to School Grant Program is. I am aware how critical this Grant funding is:

- 1) For schools and early childhood education programs to purchase Oregon foods for their cafeterias
- 2) To teach young children where their food comes from via hands-on farm and garden education programs
- 3) To fund equipment and infrastructure for food producers and technical assistance for the farm to school community.

I am aware how much work went into establishing the 10.2 million dollar budget to support the key relationships between schools and produces and families to provide consistent practical nutrition education programs for young children and support for farmers.

In these post Covid times the key aspects of ODE support for Farm to School must continue to assure food access and food equity in our state where 1 in 4 families experiences food insecurity!!!!

I urge your full support at the current level of \$10.2 million so this ODE program can continue to assist the key programs for healthy kids, schools and communities.

Thank you for considering my statement even as it is late for the hearings.

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