

I am writing to support HB 2979 which would continue funding for farmers and farmers' markets. I shop at 2 co-ops in Portland, OR, both of which source produce from local farms. I am also a regular shopper at outdoor farmers' markets, where I am happy to make use of the SNAP/Double Up Food Bucks program to make shopping there more affordable for me.

We need to support local farmers and their markets. With the chaos our country currently is in and the disruption of supply chains, we have to rely more than ever on what we can grow and eat locally.

Farmers' markets do not provide just food. They also provide community and community access to fresh, healthful food.

Please help farmers and farmers' markets continue to play this important role in Oregon.

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