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I'm a native Oregonian, 72 year resident of Portland. Farmers markets are an integral part of the many neighborhoods in the Portland Metro area. In addition to supporting local farmers and makers they serve as an integral component of our diverse communities. For many families access to fresh food, meats and vegetables are easily accessed at the weekly neighborhood market. Many families are able to use there SNAP benefits and the bonuses offered to purchase fresh vegetables. The markets are community gather places where neighbors meet and share meals. Please continue supporting these valuable gathering places that support farmers and communities.