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On Behalf Of: People's Farmer's Market
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2979

Dear Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

I am a member of People's Food Co-op and community member of People's Farmer's Market in Portland, Oregon. People's Farmer's Market is a participant in the Double Up Food Bucks program, which allows them to match funds from the SNAP benefits program to help low income folks buy fresh produce at the local Farmer's markets. With prices that have nearly doubled since before the pandemic, it is very difficult for many people to be able to afford to have a healthy diet filled with fresh local produce. It is even more important now to support local farmers since our relationships with our long trusted allies and trade partners seem suddenly in jeopardy, and more price hikes and food shortages appear to be on the near horizon. Please support House Bill 2979 to continue to supply crucial funding for our local farmers and farmer's markets. This will greatly benefit those who experience, and are further threatened with, food insecurity in the current political environment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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