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I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2979, which provides essential funding for farmers and farmers' markets across our state. As a community member, I have seen the positive impact of these programs, particularly at People's Farmers' Market, where the SNAP Double Up and Produce Match program has made fresh, locally grown food more accessible to many in our community.

This program benefits families who rely on SNAP and the local farmers and vendors who depend on farmers' markets for their livelihoods. By doubling the purchasing power of SNAP recipients, it ensures that more people can afford nutritious food while simultaneously supporting small-scale farmers and strengthening our local food system.

Given the uncertainty surrounding federal programs, securing funding through HB 2979 is essential to keeping fresh, healthy food accessible to everyone. I strongly encourage you to support this bill and the critical investments it makes in our farmers, markets, and communities.