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On Behalf Of: Peoples Co Op Farmers Market, farmers and farmers markets throughout the state

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or

Topic: HB 2979

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

my name is dwayne hedstrom. I was alerted to hb 2979 through my association with the people's food coop farmers market. I urge you to continue funding for our farmers, farmers markets, food access programs and the infrastructure necessary for their health and growth. I do work trade on a farm in ridgefield wa in exchange for a winter csa which is the bulk of my winter time diet. The first time i received the winter csa i was able to pay for it using snap benefits and the double up food bucks program which I had learned about through the farmers market association. I can attest to the impact of the infrastructure around farmers markets that supports people buying food and farmers through the double up food bucks/snap benefits program. **Please support HB 2979 to keep our markets strong, our farmers supported, and our communities fed.**

**Thanks for your time,**

**dwayne hedstrom**

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