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Dear Oregon Lawmakers,

I am a second generation farmer in Southern Oregon, and I am writing to you today to voice my support for continued funding for farmers through HB2979.

My family's small fruit farm is now in its 41st year of operation, and as a member of our local growers markets I have seen firsthand the good done in outreach to our community from growth grants from Farmers Market Fund. Our markets are recipients of the climate resiliency grant in 2025, and these funds are the only way for our markets to continue to function without great loss of sales and customer attendance in the case of extreme weather events. To lose this funding would mean greater food instability across our region and more small farms folding operations.

Oregon's small farms, farmers' markets, and food hubs strengthen our communities and deserve your continued support in the face of increasing wildfires and extreme weather events. We urge you to prioritize funding for HB 2979 in the 2025 legislative session to ensure the continuation of these critical programs.

Sincerely,

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