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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2979

Please continue funding House Bill 2979 for OFMA funding.

Hello to our friends in Salem who have the power to continue providing a way for the people you represent to eat healthy foods and fresh produce. My name is Janette, I'm 63, on Chemotherapy and in support of HB 2979. HB 2979 would CONTINUE funding for FARMERS MARKETS, SNAP DOUBLE UP AND PRODUCE MATCH PROGRAMS THAT BENEFITS COMMUNITY MEMBERS, FARMERS, VENDORS and helps our local economy through CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE and FOOD ACCESS. I am writing because I shop at Peoples Co-op market and I count on the SNAP produce and healthy foods funds matching program inside the People's Co-op store and at the Farmers market they have outside on Wednesdays. I also rely on the SNAP fresh produce and healthy foods matching funds at the Oregon City Market every other Saturday in the Winter months. In May the Milwaukie Oregon Sunday Farmers Market opens weekly and the Oregon City Farmers Market is open weekly on Saturdays. I can't make it without the support for fresh produce and healthy foods through your support of Peoples Market and the Farmers Markets in and around the food desert situation currently found in so many areas in Oregon. I am able to travel on the public transport to purchase healthy foods and produce. Please continue this incredibly important resource for everyone in Oregon and especially People's Co-op because they are open every day so I don't have to wait 2 weeks to buy fresh produce and healthy foods.

Thank you for your time and consideration.