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On Behalf Of: self
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2979

Dear Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owen and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water. My name is Arnetta Guion, I am a People's Farmers" Market Community member from Milwaukie and I am writing in SUPPORT of HB2979, and I urge continued investment in Oregon's Farmers Markets,

The Farmers Market Climate Resilience Grant Fund and SNAP support grants have been a lifeline helping markets upgrade infrastructure, implement cooling and smoke mitigation strategies, and expand SNAP/Double Up Food Bucks programs. But demand far exceeds the available funding- grant requests would have required more than double the resources OFMA has to distribute. Without renewed investment, farmers markets will continue serving their communities.

These programs impact me personally because as an older person I can recall people having a respect for the resources that support families. We continue to need access healthy foods and produce that are made available by use of SNAP and Double UP Food Buck's. that is very important to me and my local community. They serve as a critical infrastructure, as apposed to Food insecurity being experienced more and more.

Thank you for your consideration, Arnetta