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**February 11, 2025**

**To: House Committee on Revenue**

**Re: Support for HB 2097**

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Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Reschke and Walters, and members of the committee,

Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is the state's most inclusive agriculture organization, proudly representing more than 6,500 family farms and ranches that produce more than 220 agricultural commodities. From hops and hazelnuts to cattle, cranberries, and timber with operations spanning from just a few acres to thousands, our members utilize all farming methods including organic, conventional, regenerative, biotech, and even no-tech.

OFB strongly supports House Bill 2097 because it continues to strengthen partnerships between farmers and charitable organizations. House Bill 2097 ensures the continuation of the Crop Donation Tax Credit for an additional six years, extending this vital support to 2032.

Without the renewal of this tax credit, many farmers would face significant challenges in sustaining these donations, threatening the availability of local, healthy food for those in need.

This tax credit has been instrumental in encouraging farmers to donate crops to food pantries, regional food banks, shelters, and other charitable organizations, helping to combat food insecurity while reducing food waste. Many of our members rely on this tax credit and deeply value Oregon's recognition of their contributions to communities in need.

By extending the sunset on this tax credit, the legislature reinforces its commitment to agricultural producers who generously support charitable efforts. The tax credit provides a crucial incentive for farmers to donate surplus crops, ensuring that fresh, nutritious food reaches children, seniors, and families experiencing food insecurity.

Support for HB 2097 is not just an investment in Oregon's agricultural community—it is an investment in the well-being of our neighbors. By extending the Crop Donation Tax Credit, we can ensure that our state continues to address food insecurity while supporting local farmers and reducing food waste.

Thank you.



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