



Centro de Servicios Para Campesinos

Service Center for Farmworkers

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Dear House Early Childhood and Human Services Committee Members,

I'm writing in support of HB 2991, the additional appropriation for the Tax Infrastructure Grant Program at ODHS.

We have been extremely grateful to have received a grant from Marion County which has helped create a program that low-income, Spanish, and indigenous-speaking community members can access at no cost. We have built great partnerships with OSU Vita, Marion County, CASH Oregon, and others. Centro de Servicios Para Campesinos (CDSPC) is located in Woodburn Oregon, which is home to many agricultural workers, who are faced with language barriers, do not have the knowledge about what it means to file taxes, and struggle to understand the importance of it, and where to look for the resources that helps them file. In the past year, we have helped so many families that have been extremely grateful for our services, especially since we are able to help them in their native language.

With additional funds, we can hire a full-time tax consultant that we have year-round, have staff at CDSPC become certified to become an Acceptance Agent for IRS ITIN numbers, help community members answer the questions they have, file their taxes year-round, and we can have classes in which we teach young adults and families, how to file, understand the importance of filing, and understanding what documentation is required and needed to complete their taxes.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration, our community extremely needs this support.

**Debbie Cabrales
Executive Director**