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Access to SNAP/EBT and Double Up Food Bucks in the rural community that I live and work is used by many people to access locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs that normally would not be able to. This is very important for keeping Oregonians healthy, while also supporting local farms. The investment into the SNAP and Double Up Food Bucks program is small, but the return on investment is huge. Not only are we supporting low-income people and families, but we are supporting local farms and the economy around us. In Klamath Falls specifically, Klamath Grown, which is organization I work for utilizes these funds to distribute local food along with the Klamath Falls Farmers Market. Both of us are collaborating to support local, rural farmers and support the people who need it most. Without this funding, many people would be left hungry and unable to access the fresh food that farmers are willing to share.