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I represent Central Oregon Locavore Non-Profit, dedicated to supporting local food and farmers for the health of the individual, community, society, and the planet. As the Outreach Coordinator for Locavore, I have worked with thousands of low-income community members seeking access to local, nutrient-dense foods using SNAP/EBT & Double Up Food Bucks, seeing tremendous growth in the constituents we serve as the volatility of global affairs leave countless Americans food insecure. I am an active committee member in the High Desert Food and Farm Alliance's Food Security Advisory Council, providing insight and feedback on the efficacy of various food access programs in Central Oregon. With this experience, I am a well-educated, strong advocate for food security and access measures to ensure everyone has access to local food that supports a far less volatile food economy.