

To: Senate Committee on Finance and Review
From: Ron LeFore Apple Farm
RE: SB 108

Dear Chairman Meek, Vice-Chair McLane and members of the committee,

I hope this message finds you well. As an Oregonian and a farmer who cares deeply about the health and well-being of our state, I am writing to strongly urge you to support the renewal of the Oregon Crop Donation Tax Credit (150-101-240-1).

This critical program is not only beneficial to farmers like myself, but also has a profound, positive impact on our communities. I've been proud to donate to Oregon Food Bank for 20 years, contributing to its statewide network of 21 regional food banks and over 1,400 partners, including food pantries, shelters, and meal sites. Through these donations, I know that my produce directly supports millions of Oregonians—especially those facing food insecurity, such as children, seniors, and families in crisis.

However, without the renewal of this tax credit, I—and other farmers—will face significant challenges in continuing to provide this vital support. The need for food assistance in Oregon is growing, and it is imperative that we maintain incentives to encourage local farmers to donate fresh, healthy food to those who need it most.

Renewing the Oregon Crop Donation Tax Credit will allow me to continue making these important donations and help ensure that the Oregon Food Bank can meet the rising demand for nutritious food across the state. Your support for this renewal is not only an investment in Oregon's agricultural community, but also in the well-being of our neighbors who are counting on us.

Thank you for your time and for your service to Oregon. I trust you will consider the far-reaching benefits of this tax credit and take action to renew it for the good of our state.

Sincerely,

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