

To: Senate Committee on Finance and Review

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 dedicated farmer, I am writing to strongly urge your support for the renewal of the Oregon Crop Donation Tax Credit (150-101-240-1).

This essential program not only benefits farmers like myself but also has a significant positive impact on our communities. I have proudly donated to the Oregon Food Bank for many years, contributing to its extensive network of 21 regional food banks and over 1,400 partners, including food pantries, shelters, and meal sites. Through these donations, my produce directly supports millions of Oregonians, particularly those experiencing food insecurity, such as children, seniors, and families in crisis.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

C&S Farms, LLC