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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee  
On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5515

Please support SB 5515 to appropriate moneys from the General Fund to the Department of Education for The Farm to School Grant Program which is a suite of funding programs that supports the purchase of Oregon foods for schools and early childcare education centers; funds hands-on farm and garden educational programs; and funds technical assistance and training for the farm to school community.

I believe these programs constructively build experiences and awareness of good nutrition in a way that supports engaged learners. These moneys also build a strong local food system and supports our local economy.

Young children are the hope of our humanity. We want to know their basic needs are met, and we can do that with making the connection to their local food sources at the same time.

I am a retired teacher of 30 years, and I am a grandmother to children under 5.

Please support SB 5515 funding,  
sincerely, Christine