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We should support any public services that we can at this time of unprecedented upheaval and inflation. The Double Up Food Bucks has helped so many people afford more organic, healthy food over the years, and it should absolutely continue to be funded. Years ago, when my husband and I were on food stamps, this program meant the difference between being able to eat full servings of food, or not. It made it so that we could afford meat, protein, and organic veggies in a time in our lives where there was so much anxiety about where our next meal came from. Now, we are lucky to be able to afford nutritious food without help, but the way things are going, that may not always be the case, and for so many people right now, it is a far off dream to be able to afford nutritious food. As a community, we need to build each other up, and this is a simple way for us to ensure that everyone in the community has access to healthy food.