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I am writing as an aunt on behalf of my school-aged nephews in support of the Farm to School Equipment and Infrastructure Grant Program in the Oregon Department of Agriculture's budget. This Grant program provides funding for food producers to access necessary equipment to meet the demands of the school marketplace.

I support this grant program because it is unique and valuable to food producers who aspire to enter the school food market and in Oregon, there is a significant need for food producers to be equipped to meet the growing demand from schools for local products. Children need to understand where their food comes from and the Farm to School program is a significant initiative to help them understand this while supporting local growers.

I ask that you support this grant program in the Oregon Department of Agriculture's budget at \$1 million. Thank you for your time.

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