

Submitter: Katherine Seeburger
On Behalf Of: Financial Support for Farm to School Program
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee
On Education
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a strong advocate of the Farm to School Grant program. I strongly encourage that the Department of Education continue to fund this program. With federal cutbacks It is my understanding that over \$6 million in USDA funding for this program is no longer available. This makes it all the more urgent that this program be fully supported with State funds. It is vital that students have access to healthy food from local farms. It is so important that students also have access to hands-on garden educational programs in their schools. I have seen firsthand the benefits of this program in my son's local school. I also know a local teacher who relies on this program for to support farm and garden activities in her classroom. Please continue to support the Farm to School Grant program. Sincerely, Katherine Seeburger, Corvallis