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My name is Greg Charland, and I manage the Gresham Farmers Market. I'm here to discuss SB5526 and its implications for the Farmers Market Fund's Double Up Food Buck (DUFB) program.

This program offers a \$20 SNAP match per week, making it easier for customers with limited or fixed incomes to purchase quality food. DUFB lowers barriers to access, ensuring that our market is open to everyone in the community. As it does with so many other farmers markets around the state.

Importantly, this program not only supports underserved community members but also benefits local farmers, enabling them to continue producing food for our neighborhoods.

It's a mutually beneficial program that strengthens our entire community. We strongly urge you to support the funding of this vital program, which positively impacts so many across the state.

Thank you