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| On Behalf Of:                     | 1M for Farm to School   |
| Committee:                        | Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural Resources |
| Measure, Appointment or<br>Topic: | SB5502  |
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Co-Chairs Senator Frederick and Representative Levy and members of the Committee

I am writing on behalf of Nuna Farms 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 raised pastured poultry and while we haven't yet received this grant, I understand the importance of this money being available in the state. It supports the local economy and keeps money within our state while supporting local and nutritious food in our schools. Win-win!

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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