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On Behalf Of:

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Natural Resources

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I am writing as an AmeriCorps FoodCorps alumni 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 this program is unique and valuable to food producers who aspire to enter the school food market, and to the youth of Oregon who more and more rely on school meals for their daily nourishment.

Oregon is looked to as a leader in farm to school, and thus a leader in community wellness in this Nation.

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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