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Co-Chairs Senator Frederick and Representative Levy and members of the
Committee

I am writing on behalf of Gentle Rain Farm 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 am a certified organic vegetable farmer who sells to the public at farmers markets. I
support this program because children need healthy food and to know where their
food comes from, which ideally would be local farms who offer healthy, nutrient rich
fresh foods. Small and middle sized farms have the opportunity to supply through this
program, and this funding is supportive of these farms viability.

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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