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On Behalf Of: The BIPOC Rise Moor Healing Center
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006
Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means:

I am here to urge your support of HB 2979, which provides funding for Oregon's farmers, ranchers, food hubs, and farmers markets.

Oregon's small farms, ranches, and their marketing outlets face increasing threats from extreme weather and wildfires. Supporting the Food Systems Resilience Programs in HB 2979 is an investment in climate resilience, disaster preparedness, conservation and stewardship, rural economic development, and the vitality of small businesses statewide. These investments benefit not only farmers and local food outlets but also entire communities by fostering access to healthy, local food, creating hubs for community engagement, and expanding nutrition incentive programs. As a member of the Moorish American community, I believe supporting this bill is a historic imperative for the Oregon Legislature. In addition to advancing food desert eradication and food sovereignty, this action will inherently enhance the objectives of HB 2995.

Thank you for the service
I bid you Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom & Justice
Durrell Javon Kinsey Bey