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On Behalf Of:

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Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

My name is Lise Hubbe. I am a farmer from Scio. I am here to urge your support of HB 2979, which provides funding for Oregon's farmers, ranchers, food hubs, and farmers markets.

Supporting the Food Systems Resilience Programs in HB 2979 means investing in climate resilience, disaster preparedness, conservation and stewardship, rural economic development, and thriving small businesses all over our state. These investments benefit not just farmers and local food outlets but entire communities by fostering access to healthy local food, creating hubs for community engagement, and expanding nutrition incentive programs.

On our family's 62 acre farm outside Scio, my sister and I produce vegetable and vegetable seed crops and hay crops. If we had access to a \$10-30K grant, we would install a solar array with battery backup to power the pump drawing water from our best well. This well provides water for our barn facility including livestock housing and milk house, for our extensive home garden, and has capacity to provide some irrigation for our vegetable and vegetable seed crops. With this system, the water management aspect of our farm operations would be well prepared to withstand power outages due to any number of causes, natural disasters included.

We see our farm as a community resilience resource, and are dedicated to developing infrastructure capability to serve our neighbors in times of need.

There are many others like us: good folk working hard to provide for the basic needs of our communities. These grant monies enable us to succeed.

Please support HB2979.

Respectfully,

Lise Hubbe

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