

Capitol Construction Joint Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the James Beard Public Market request for \$10 million in funding from the state's Lottery Bond dollars. Public markets have been proven to drive local economies, foster and sustain the small businesses that make Oregon so special, and encourage overall community growth. This market will be a key catalyst for economic prosperity in Oregon. Please consider prioritizing this important project in this year's budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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