

*Dear Senator Girod,*

*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.*

*Best regards,*

*Janie Hibler*

*James Beard Public Market Board Treasurer*

*James Beard Award Winner, Wild About Game, 1999*

*Past Member Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission*