

Dear members of the Capitol Construction Joint Committee,

As someone who has spent years working in the hospitality industry and serving in leadership roles representing the hospitality sector, I've seen firsthand how strong local food systems support the vitality of our downtown communities—socially, culturally, and economically.

That's why I'm writing to express my enthusiastic support for the James Beard Public Market's request for \$10 million in state Lottery Bond funding. Public markets like this are powerful engines for local economies. They not only nurture the small businesses and producers that make Oregon unique, but they also create spaces that bring communities together in meaningful ways.

This market has the potential to be a cornerstone of downtown Portland's revival and a lasting investment in Oregon's economic future. I urge you to prioritize this critical project in this year's budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cheyenne Terbrueggen