Dear Rep. Nosse,

I am the Board Chair of The James Beard Public Market and love the community of food lovers and entrepreneurs that our mission has already garnered in support of our mission.

As a life-long Portlander, as a <u>nonprofit founder</u> and <u>business owner</u>, as an <u>artist</u> and lover of food and our region's bounty, I am excited by the opportunities that having an Oregon-focused, full-time, indoor market will create for my beloved city and state.

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.

In support,

Pippa Arend, Board Chair, The James Beard Public Market

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