

Dear Members of the 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 connection, attract locals and visitors alike.

This market can be a much needed catalyst for economic rebirth, growth and prosperity in Oregon, building upon some of our most precious resources - our harvests, our makers, and the way of living that has drawn millions to move and visit this state for years (like myself, making Oregon my home over two decades ago) .

Please consider prioritizing this important project in this year's budget.

Thank you,

Alison Rosenblum