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Dear Ms. Hart:

The Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library will host a Farmer's Market for the fifth year in 2013. It has become an important component of our connection with the community. We not only provide an outlet for good, local produce, but we also tie the market to library information and programs about gardens, healthy eating, recipes and other relevant topics.

We support the Farmers' Market Registration. It will provide us many benefits:

- Best way to recruit new vendors
- Provide access to knowledge to help us make our market better for the community
- Help us understand technology solutions and benefits
- Many other benefits.

The Farmers' Market Registration is an important program for Farmers' Markets in the state and will help improve the opportunities for the local farmers as well as the local customers.

Sincerely,

Robert Banks Chief Operating Officer

Senate Agriculture Committee
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