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Rep. Julie Fahey, Chair
Committee Members
House Committee on Housing
State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 3322

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 3322. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice.

HB 3322 would allow homeowners and renters (with the approval of the homeowner) to grow and produce food on their lot, to the extent it is allowed under the relevant city or county laws, even if it is prohibited or restricted by the governing documents of a homeowners' association. This bill would affect planned communities and some subdivisions, which are primarily inside cities and towns.

1000 Friends supports this common sense statute. Raising vegetables, growing fruit trees, raising chickens, and similar activities on a residential lot should be encouraged, not prohibited – it enables Oregonians to have access to inexpensive, healthy food. It connects people, and especially children, to how food is grown. Recent immigrants often grow familiar produce that they cannot find in local stores. Yet, we have heard of residents being prohibited from, for example, growing tomatoes and other vegetables in the front of their homes.

We encourage support for HB 3322, and appreciate your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

