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Vice-Chair Finger McDonald and
members of the
House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use,
natural Resources and Water:

My name is suzia aufderheide and I am from ashland. I support HB 3372. Currently in Oregon it is legal to water a ½ acre garden or use 5,000 gal/day for a commercial purpose, but neither of those apply to growing food and farm products for sale. Why is it legal to use the water for personal use, but selling a single zucchini from my garden would mean I was breaking the law? stupid.

This personally impacts me because: lately i have seen a drop off in local farmers market vendors, it has impacted my ability to access local food. it is important to support small farms here for food security and a stronger community overall.

We need to be honest about how we prioritize water. Allowing people to grow food or farm products for sale with a gallon restriction on ½ acre will not bankrupt the system, and farming is too much work for people to rush into production on such a small scale. Give communities back the ability to feed and provide for themselves, pass HB 3372.

Thank you,
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