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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3372

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Vanessa. I am the sole proprietor of Valley of Drakes Farm in Mulino. My production is currently focused on eggs, with an expansion into poultry meats. I sell direct to consumers in our community and have a good loyal clientele base. It is my dream to be able to round out my market offerings; complimenting as "poultry, eggs, and HERBS." Unfortunately the land on which I farm is designated ag/forestry and does not contain a water right for produce production.

It seems unreasonable that I should be allowed to turn part of my farm field into a ½ acre lawn with a 5,000 gallon PER DAY irrigated water allowance, but it's unacceptable and ILLEGAL for me to provide an additional nutrition source to our community using the same amount of land and an absolute fraction of that water allowance.

I am unable to expand my business due to the stringency of the law. It is illegal for me to sell rosemary and thyme along-side my turkey and chicken meat. ILLEGAL. These seems very unreasonable.

I support HB 3372.

Making positive changes to the water rights usage regulations will allow small farmers, such as myself, to provide more safe and healthy foods to our community, and will increase the revenue and market value of our farms and farmers. This will benefit ALL Oregonians.