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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Megan Loranger and I am a community member from Dallas. I am writing today to 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?

This personally impacts me because my family relies on the small farmer to provide local, healthy, organic food. We know and trust our local farmers and they are doing a service to our families by sharing their resources. Limiting potential for these farmers only enforces the low quality supermarket monopoly that is in many ways poisoning us. We can only hope that legislators will do the right thing and allow these small farmers to nourish our communities.

We need to be realistic about what we prioritize for water use in our state. 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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