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Hello

My name is Jim Bronec of Praying Mantis Farm in Canby. I am a third generation farmer here in Oregon and I am writing to you in Support of HB 3372. At this moment, it is legal to water a ½ acre garden or use 5,000 gal/day for a commercial purpose, but it does not include for commercial use of growing food and farm products for sale. I hear from many farmers that water availability or restriction is one of the major hurdles to being able to successful grow on their land. This is a restriction that should end. Small scale growers are valuable contributors of local nutritional foods in our community. This is especially needed as the federal government, in these times, are cutting funding for various food programs. HB 3372 would go a long ways to support small scale farmers and contribute healthy food to our local community. A double win!