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To Whom It May Concern,

I own an 18-acre farm just outside of Newport. The farm has been in operation for over 100 years. The property does not have water rights to the creek but does have a well. We have an opportunity to assist with reducing food insecurity at the Oregon coast by increasing farming of healthy vegetables. We know increasing access to vegetables provides numerous benefits to the community from improving health to reducing hunger to strengthening resiliency in this remote area. We grow food sustainably, minimizing water use through crop selection, soil health and increased mulching. We can really make a difference in our area if we were able to grow more vegetables and sell these commercially to help offset the cost of the vegetables we grow for free for the community. Please support HB 3772 and increase resiliency in rural Oregon!

Sincerely, Nicole Cousino