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On Behalf Of:

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Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3372

My name is Austin 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 I feed my family with the local produce at the farmer's markets and we are upset that anyone would try to restrict or limit the available food options at those local markets.

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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