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On Behalf Of:

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Co-chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water:

I am a community member who deeply appreciates Oregon's small farmers. 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. If you can legally grow vegetables, fruits or flowers for your family using a domestic well, you should be allowed to sell those products to your community, albeit, with reasonable usage limits that respect our water crisis.

This personally impacts me and my family because I rely on small farmers who supply vegetables, fruits and flowers at my local farmers' markets for much of the fresh food we eat

I very much understand that water use needs to be well-regulated in our state and I support that general effort. However, I believe that allowing people to grow food or farm products for sale with a gallon restriction on ½ acre will not unbalance the system. Please give communities back the ability to feed and provide for themselves, pass HB 3372.

Thank you,

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