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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:

My name Kelly McCune and I am an orchardist and homeowner living in Mosier, OR. 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 anyone selling produce from a small garden would be breaking the law?

Many gardeners in my community would like to participate in our robust farmer's markets here in the Columbia River Gorge area. As anyone who has grown tomatoes, one single plant can yield dozens of tomatoes, so a ½ acre can yield hundreds! We'd all love to be able to support that gardener by buying their bounty.

Allowing people to grow food or farm products for sale with a gallon restriction on ½ acre will not bankrupt the system. Give our communities back the ability to feed and provide for themselves, pass HB 3372. This is just COMMON SENSE.

Thank you,

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