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On Behalf Of:

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Resources, and Water

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We have a small (1 acre) orchard in Marion county and have been certified organic since 1989. The orchard does not totally support the farm but along with my wife's and my social security, it is a necessary part.

I use drip irrigation. I also use mulch, mowing, pruning and thinning to lessen the need for water.

I hope HB 3372 will pass so small farmers like me can continue to provide fresh local produce to our communities.

Thank you,
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