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On Behalf Of:

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I am Terri Moore and I am a resident in Portland Oregon. 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? It doesn't make sense. We need all the small farms and backyard gardens available to grow our food.

This personally impacts me because I buy local produce at local farm stands and markets that is grown in this way, small farm by small farm, little by little.

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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