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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3372

My name is Cassandra and I am a community member from Springfield, 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. This personally impacts me because my property is zoned exclusive ag, but I do not have water rights and am unable to farm. I would practice water conservation techniques and use less water than this bill is proposing. I know that it would be feasible to provide fresh vegetables for the community with this amount of water usage.

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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