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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 in Eugene, Oregon. I am writing today in support of HB 3372.

This issue personally impacts me because I would like to be able to buy local produce that has not been shipped hundreds of miles and I want to support small farms near me and their ability to sell produce to their closest neighbors. Small farms can provide the kind of variety and super fresh quality that is important to all of us for health and benefit to the planet.

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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