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Greetings,

My name is Melinda Stone and I live in Eugene, Oregon. I'm writing about HB 3372 which I am in support of, and am asking you to support HB3372 as well.

I buy most of my foods from local growers and food producers and eat mostly seasonally and always organic, wild caught, regeneratively. I moved to Oregon in 2008 to live close to my high quality food sources. My health depends on the affordability and high quality foods that I can affordably buy. I cannot eat highly processed foods due to food allergies. I shop at different farmers markets and enjoy visiting farmers markets up and down the Willamette valley.

I have been noticing that there aren't as many small produce vendors as there were a year ago. My gardening friends have told me that there are restrictions regarding water for food crops that have been deemed illegal. I can't quite wrap my mind around this issue. How can growing food for a modest income and for the needs of the community possibly be illegal? This is absurd and can only be a way to prevent a community from supporting food growers and people like me who want to support local small scale food growers. There is no way that these backyard farms will bankrupt the water system for all food production in Oregon.

Please vote YES on HB3372.

Thank you.