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On Behalf Of: Kenagy Family Farm Inc
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3372

Chairs and members of the committee.

For the record my name is Peter Kenagy, I'm a farmer adjacent to Albany.

I strongly encourage you to pass HB3372 with the dash 5 amendment. It corrects a very unfair restriction on the use of water from domestic wells, It is just plain commonsense that if one is allowed to use water from exempt wells to water a half acre of lawn one should also be able to use the equivalent amount to produce agricultural products for sale. There is absolutely no down side to this change. While this bill will have no impact on our farming operation due to the fact we have established water rights for our 300 irrigated acres. It will benefit many of my small neighbors who have been inadvertently "illegally" watering there small market gardens.

OFB's and Water Watch's opposition to HB3372 are sorely misguided , this bill will not open the floodgates of excessive water use. Indeed its impact will be minimal at most and in all likelihood will have no impact whatsoever. To expect small landowners to jump thru the hoops and expense to get a water right to switch from using the same water that they can legally water their lawn with now, just so they can sell their production off of a half acre is ludicrous.