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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3372

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing today in favor of Amendment 5 to HB3372. It redresses an unfair exclusion in Oregon water law that makes irrigating a commercial garden from a home well illegal.

As a rural resident who is also a farmer (sheep, not produce), I feel that this amendment is so important to support local food growing and small farmers at a time when both land and water access in Oregon is becoming increasingly prohibitive. I would like to see the Oregon state legislature prioritize and protect local food security as well as the infrastructure that supports it. Amendment 5 provides a common sense way to do just that.

Thank you for your consideration.