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Hello

As a supporter of HB 3372, I'm convinced that Oregon's farmers need more freedom to access water for growing fresh produce, rather than being stuck in a restrictive system that's more suitable for large-scale operations. It's time to tip the scales in favor of small-scale farmers and give them a fighting chance to sell their products and boost the local economy.

Look at the world today. We can't rely that we will get the agriculture supplies we need to feed are Oregonians citizens. I worked hard to get my agriculture degree from Oregon State University. With these laws and regulations that keep people like me from pursuing a future in agriculture in Oregon. This will make many farmers like myself move out of state to finde better opertunity. I can't afford a large scale farm with water rights. That's not possible.

I really believe I can provide healthy vegetables and fruit to my community without having to worry about braking an old law to control the economy of small independent farmers. The back bone of America. I have amazing ideas for the future where we can grow food and protect the environment. Working together is how we can accomplish this. But putting up walls and red tape will just leave us to stagnation.

With some common sense we can agree that Oregonian need agriculture and having limitations or small farmers is ridiculous.

Thank you