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On Behalf Of:

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Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3372

Greetings Folks,

Local food production is the most important and essential use of water in our state. Micro growers feeding their families and sharing their excess is a vital part of our local community food system. Growing food is very hard and any food produced should be shared with our community. Selling excess food from gardens is often needed for growers to continue to buy seeds or tools and to pay their mortgages so they can continue to have the land to grow food for their families and communities. In these financially challenging times, any and all local food production should be supported. Micro growers are essential to our community. Much of the water being used in this state is for crops being exported out of state and the country. 100% of the water used by micro growers benefits our local Oregon communities. 100% of the local food grown by micro growers feeds Oregonians. 100% of the water used by micro growers builds independence, resiliency and strength into our local communities. Empowering Oregonians to feed themselves, to feed their community and to nurture a local food economy is absolutely essential right now. It is essential that you pass HB 3372-5.

Thank you, Patrick Sanders