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I am a supporter of buying locally--particularly including food--ergo I buy much of what our family eats at local farmers markets. I am writing today to support HB 3372 A. Currently in Oregon, it is legal to water a ½ acre garden or use 5,000 gal/day for a commercial purpose using a domestic well, but neither of those apply to growing food and farm products for sale. I am asking you to vote to make it legal to use the water for growing food for sale as well as the personal use the law allows now. I think Oregon needs more, not fewer, farmers, and HB 3372 will facilitate that. Helping expand local food production (and sales) keeps more Oregon money in circulation in Oregon, improves our local economies, and diminishes transportation pollution and costs as locally grown foods coming to local markets does.

Oregon needs to be thoughtful about what we prioritize for water use in our state. This bill is a simple, common-sense solution that would allow people to sell the food and farm products that are already legal to grow, while adding reasonable limitations to the amount of water that can be used.

Give communities back the ability to feed and provide for themselves, and pass HB 3372 A!

Thank you,

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