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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and

Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or

Topic:

HB3372

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire:

I am writing as a native Oregonian, registered voter, and citizen who cares deeply about the place I was born and grew up in. My name is Kyenne Williams, I currently live as a retiree in Portland, originally from rural Lincoln County and am writing today to support HB 3372 A. I've reached out to many state legislators over the past few months to actively support the bill because it impacts me (and my family) as a long time home gardener, and supporter of local 'truck-farm' growers.

This personally impacts me legal public record and anything you write about your farm or water use could be used by state agencies. I shop at, and have volunteered at many farmers markets, and have seen a change in vendors at these markets - loss of local gardeners means less available food, and less economic variety locally. Having many small holdings provide and sell food supports everyone - makes us stronger and more resilient. We all know (live near the Siuslaw National Forest) the need to be thoughtful in how we use water. 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.

Thank you for returning to our communities the ability to feed and provide for themselves, and passing HB 3372 A!

Thank you,

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