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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3372

I am writing to support HB 3372 as a fix for the current unreasonable rule that makes it unlawful for anyone with a domestic well to use water from that well to irrigate a small commercial garden or flower crop. As a domestic well owner. I can lawfully use up to 15,000 gallons of water a day, as long as none of that water is used to grow any crop that I might sell, whether it be at the Farmer's Market, along the road or even to my neighbors. It's ludicrous, and frankly unconscionable to punish some small agricultural producers. The State of Oregon should be supporting the efforts of small farmers and this bill is a big step in the right direction. While I am not fully in agreement with the 3,000 gallon limit because it still allows the state to dictate the volume of that can be used to certain purposes, this bill will fix the current injustice and allow Oregonians to pursue their agricultural passions on small land plots. Please vote YES on HB 3372.

-Harney Co. domestic well owner

HB 3372 would allow up to 3000 gallons for a plot of 1/2 acre.