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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB437

Dear Senators,

Thank you for taking the time to consider this very important measure. As the climate crisis continues to wreak havoc on our food systems, it becomes increasingly important to improve access to healthy, locally grown and affordable food. Passing this bill will help provide food autonomy to many constituents who currently lack the legal authorization to grow their own food. In order to meet the challenges caused by inflation, growing populations and the climate crisis, we must build resilient communities focused on sustainable agriculture. Updating the law so people have a right to grow their own food on their own property (and rented property) is a huge step toward ensuring resilient communities. I benefit from the ability to grow my own fruits, vegetables and gourmet mushrooms. I frequently share excess produce with my elderly neighbors who don't have the same abilities that I do. Together we are stronger when we have access to food cultivation. I urge you to pass this bill and help ensure healthy sustainable communities throughout Oregon.

Sincerely,
Em Jones