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I am very supportive of this bill! Being able to grow food in your yard supports resilience and healthy eating; is a source of community-building and mutual aid (like sharing food during a pandemic!!); and helps people feel more connected to their land and the place they live. HOAs and other management agencies should not have the power to prevent people from accessing the aforementioned benefits of home-grown food. Gardening was a personal source of joy and growth for me when I was a child, and I find it astonishing that people who live in HOAs could have that opportunity stripped from them or their families for the sake of "aesthetics" or maintenance. Please support this bill!