

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

To The Committee Members:

This letter is in regards to Senate Bill 791. I am asking you to support this bill. The DWRD have come up with a computer model that they have admitted to me, is flawed and not exact. Their model has everyone in the Upper Klamath Basin starting to irrigate over a month earlier than we actually do, doesn't take into consideration that the pumps are shut off for weeks while we put up hay, pumps are shut off when it rains and most quit irrigating long before their model says we do. If all these things were added in, it would change their numbers dramatically.

You cannot put a blanket model over this entire region. Every well is different and even if there "might be" or "maybe" would be some small connection between surface and ground water, that does not justify putting this many ranchers out of business. This has to be looked at year by year, case by case, using common sense -

On a dry year, irrigation would be scaled back on a percentage basis, so it is fair to all. The people who have lived here most of their lives know there are different aquifers below us. They are not all connected. So it stands to reason, each well would have to be examined. Don't just shut off this whole area without solid science. It would be devastating to my family, my neighbors and our whole community. Not to mention our Sandhill Cranes, Bald Eagles, Geese, Pelicans, Beavers, antelope, Ducks and Deer!

Please support Senate Bill 791. Our lives are in your hands. Make DWRD examine each well individually.

Thank You.

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