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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in support of SB 85-1

As a landowner who has property within a half mile of one subject property in the Jordan area east of Scio I have serious concerns about the ground water usage and any possible impacts on my drinking water supply as well as any potential impacts to my well and any potential need to drill deeper to get water if this operation lowers the water supply drastically. With the western states having been in a drought for many years is there any way to know how much water is available to people who live in this community, people who should have a preexisting right to their water supply. Some of the Estimates indicate usage of water by an operation of this size would be nearly 10 million gallons. There will certainly be an impact on groundwater supply. This in an area where there is already a concern of dwindling supply. And I certainly hope usage from the creek is not allowed as the creek becomes stagnant and nearly dry in some years.

On top of the concerns about water usage I also am concerned about increasing truck traffic in the area where these operations are planned. And specifically speaking about the operation near me there will be somewhat dangerous downhill stop to gain access to the main road.

Having grown up in a farming family I am in favor of farming in general. But the scope of these commercial operations is quite different than what I consider farming. The impacts I believe will be significant.

I believe it would be more than prudent to study the impact of large operations such as these, that will have such an impact on Oregon's precious natural resources.