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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: HB2929

Dear Senate Committee on Natural Resources

We're in a record drought; the state is allowing additional supplemental groundwater extractions; and expedited water transfers yet the very industry which benefits from these (the farm industry) is opposed to this bill? How is this possible?

This century, in this drought, and irrigation districts represented by the Oregon Water Resources Congress oppose granting the Oregon Water Resources Department all the tools needed to enforce water stewardship?

Clearly something is wrong with this picture; there are many more interests than just the farm and agricultural industry that are being starved for water: think about the natural ecosystems, rivers, springs and fish and the aquatic communities...

But in this decade; in this century; will you be bold to begin this change? Or will you cow tow to the industry again?

As a water patron; it's high time that injunctive relief be granted to the OWRD, the state agency tasked with overseeing our PUBLIC water resources.

By not supporting this bill; you show the jurassic nature that the Oregon legislature remains stuck in the dark ages.

Pass HB 2929 and you can be a proud part of water stewardship. This HB 2929 grants only the state agency this injunctive relief power and it is greatly needed to reign in the bad actors.

Thank you