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I have a well that has gone from 50,9 ppm nitrates to 55.7 in the last five years. I have been drinking this water for 20 years. In 2020 I woke up one morning and I couldn't move without great pain; I couldn't do anything one my own and I had been perfectly fine the day before.

I was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Disease. My immune system detected something wrong and was attacking my body, destroying my joints and internal organs. That's when I learned of the high nitrates. I also developed Macular Degeneration in my eyes.

This bill, if adhered to and nitrates reported accordingly might have saved me or may save others in the future from a life of chemotherapy, autoimmune infusions every eight weeks and pills and supplements totaling 12-17 daily just so I can function within my home. I now have no immune system so if exposed to viruses/germs, I am sick for weeks at a time. Please do the right thing for Oregonians health and wellness; support this bill. It is at least a starting point.