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On Behalf Of:

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I have been in the water industry for over 54 years, and have served on the OGWA Board and Legislative Committee for approximately 25 of those years. During this time, I have observed continuous increases in the size of the Water Resources Department and their budget. These increases have caused undue hardship on the parties that are paying for them, and the people have had no ability to vote on these increases.

I understand that domestic wells account for less than 3% of the total water usage in Oregon. Metering domestic wells seems unnecessary, given that less than 3% is a very small amount of the total. However, it seems that the metering might be intended so that the State can one day tax us on the usage of our own water. More taxes collected then serves to fund an increase in the bureaucracy. I absolutely oppose this legislation, and how it was rushed through providing very little time for the public to respond. I hope that our ELECTED officials agree with me!!