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On Behalf Of:

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Testimony in Opposition

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Co-Chairs Helm, Owens, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to

provide testimony in opposition of HB 2988.

I am a second-generation owner of a water pump installation and service company now in my 30th year. The proposed amendments for the Oregon Water Resources Department to require the installation of meters on domestic exempt use water wells and reporting of water use will be a huge burden on property owners with wells. The logistics of placement of the meter so that every drop of water coming out of the well is much different than a city or water district pipelines. Reporting and filing this information and recording and storing this data will require additional labor for an agency that doesn't have the staff or budget so I can see additional fees coming for a water use that accounts for less than 4 percent of the groundwater volume pumped in Oregon.

I encourage the committee to oppose HB 3419 in its current form with the proposed - 2 and -3 amendments, and thank you in advance for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

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President