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On Behalf Of:
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Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB427

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Senate Committee on Natural Resources
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Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources,

My name is Ashley Perry, and I am submitting this testimony in strong support of SB 427, which prohibits proposed changes related to the appropriation or use of water that would result in the diminishment of streamflow.

As a resident of Oregon, I recognize the critical importance of maintaining healthy water systems for environmental sustainability, community well-being, and long-term water security. Oregon's streams and rivers are lifelines for our ecosystems, providing essential habitat for fish and wildlife, supporting agriculture, and ensuring clean water for our communities. Any reduction in streamflow threatens these delicate balances, endangering biodiversity and exacerbating water scarcity issues, especially in the face of climate change.

In recent years, we have witnessed firsthand the impact of declining water levels, rivers running dry, increased pressure on groundwater resources, and the devastating effects on native fish populations, particularly salmon. Many of Oregon's communities, including Indigenous tribes and small farmers, depend on sustainable water management to protect their livelihoods and cultural traditions. SB 427 is a necessary step toward preserving these resources for future generations. I urge the committee to pass this legislation and uphold Oregon's commitment to responsible water stewardship. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ashley Perry