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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3800

I'm writing to you today in opposition of HB 3800. While I understand your concerns of water issues, especially the concerns within Harney County in which I reside. You do not understand the impact of HB 3800, that will destroy the livelihood hood of residents that use domestic wells for stock and irrigation systems that produce crops, that have been used for years. The astronomical costs that will be implemented will greatly impact growers and livestock producers significantly.

I find it ironic that these bill's are being pushed right now while we are experiencing record amounts of moisture throughout the eastern part of this state. Between 160-215% of normal. It has been said to be historical and compared to 1980 levels, Water levels have already reached positive flows and flooding in our County. Run off from mountains hasn't really started yet that will most likely cause severe flooding and soak the Harney basin. Harney and Malheur lakes already have a significant amount of water to date. This kind of moisture replenishes the aquifers.

HB 3800 is an overreach on the agricultural ways that are crucial in rural and small town USA communities.

Those that dictate new regulation have no business do so as it infringes on our rights and way of life. It is deeply concerning that these attacks on farmers and ranchers continue and are unproductive for all involved.

I'm demanding that this nonsense be stopped immediately.