

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Greg Bingaman, and I am a fifth-generation farmer from LaGrande, Oregon in Union County. I am writing in opposition to SB1153. This bill is not friendly to anyone in agriculture, especially ones needing and using water rights for use in our natural resource industry. It severely threatens Oregon's ability to manage water throughout our state. The Oregon Water Resources Department is already short on labor and time, and this bill would only increase that burden.

My Father, Elwyn Bingaman, worked his entire life improving our farm and helped bring valuable water to our crops. We now can grow crops that our farm could not raise before irrigation. Our irrigation systems are very efficient and allow us to reduce crop failures. I feel our way of life is being attacked every day, which adds to the challenges farming families face today. My son is in college and wants to come back and be the sixth generation on our family farm. Bills like SB1153 threaten our way of life farming in Oregon.

Every farmer I know, including myself, is opposed to SB1153 and this bill should not be allowed to go any further. Thanks for your time.

Regards,

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