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On Behalf Of:  
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Wildfire  
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Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee:

As a family farmer in Union County, I strongly urge you to oppose SB 1153.

This bill is unnecessary and redundant. There is already a mechanism for public review in the existing water right transfer process, which allows for protest regarding environmental concerns. Making an environmental review obligatory will slow down an already lengthy process, making it more difficult for farmers to efficiently and beneficially use their water resources. Further, if every transfer requires a mandatory review, it will place more workload on the entities performing the reviews. They would have to consider every transfer, even those that would otherwise be of no concern.

Please don't try to fix what isn't broken. The proposed solution will only make the transfer process more cumbersome and make it more difficult for farmers to be the good stewards of the resource that we strive to be.

Sincerely,  
Jed Hassinger