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On Behalf Of:

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I have farmed in Umatilla County for 40 plus years and been involved in Walla Walla Basin water issues for many years, personally and as a member of the Oregon Winegrowers Association. I would like to submit testimony supporting the Governor's HB 2808, increasing OWRD fees related to wells. For many years, processing times for water right documents have been very lengthy. These long delays are economically hurtful for our state's farming community. It can be years and years before a final permit or Certificate is issued. If the fee increases allow the OWRD to hire additional water application review personnel, I am strongly in support of HB2808. We need faster processing times, and that will only come if the OWRD has more help to get the job done.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Casey McClellan