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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1154

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Cheryl Morgen, and I live in Bend. I am writing in support of SB 1154 to update Oregon's Groundwater Quality Management Act.

I think we all expect that the water that comes out of our taps is safe to drink. In the city of Bend we receive a report every year on the quality of our drinking water. I was surprised to learn that is not the situation if you use well water. It is clearly important to monitor aquifers where any well water is withdrawn. The situation in Prineville where residents have been fighting for years to get recognition of their contaminated water is unbelievable. Hopefully the passage of SB 1154 would prevent this from happening or at least speed up the process in identifying these situations so they can be remediated quickly. This March 18, 2025 Central Oregon Daily News article has more information: https://www.centraloregondaily.com/news/in-focus/crook-county-toxic-well-water/article_8f41b9c8-0371-11f0-a4c7-a7c981b78a28.html

Thank you in advance for your support of SB 1154.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Morgen