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I am advocating for stronger protections against groundwater pollution in Oregon, particularly in the Lower Umatilla Basin. Through Oregon Rural Action, I see how crucial it is to ensure that SB 1154 fully protects Oregonians from the harmful effects of pollution. I am supporting 14 key recommendations to the Governor's office, including aligning the nitrate pollution standard with other contaminants, setting clear timelines for moving from a voluntary to a regulatory approach, and ensuring better oversight and accountability from the agencies involved. It's also important that people directly impacted by pollution are represented on committees and that agencies like the Department of Agriculture and DEQ are held accountable for their actions. If these changes are made, the law will be much more effective in safeguarding the health and well-being of all Oregonians, especially those in rural areas.