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As a hay farmer in Oregon with established water rights, I strongly oppose House Bill 3343. This legislation, which modifies the qualifications for water well constructors, risks disrupting the reliable maintenance and operation of my irrigation wells—critical infrastructure for my agricultural business. For years, I have depended on a skilled and experienced well constructor who understands the specific needs of my operation. Should HB 3343 impose stricter licensing requirements or additional regulatory hurdles, I fear it could disqualify trusted professionals like him, leaving me with fewer options. This could lead to increased costs, delays in service, or the need to hire less experienced contractors unfamiliar with my system. My water rights, while legally secure, are only as valuable as my ability to access and utilize them effectively. HB 3343 threatens to undermine that ability, placing unnecessary burdens on farmers like me without addressing any clear deficiency in the current

Please stop making agriculture harder.