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Opposing Testament to Senate Bill 1154

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 1154, and every Oregonian should be outraged by this blatant overreach. The state legislature is trying to impose a well water tax that hits me personally and threatens to make life in Oregon unbearable for people like me.

The well on my property has been installed and maintained for years with my own money—money that was already taxed when I earned it. Now they want to charge me for the water I draw from it? That's ridiculous. No one has the right to step onto my land and slap a meter on my well just because the bureaucrats in Salem can't manage their budget and overspend year after year. This isn't about fairness; it's about punishing me for their incompetence. I refuse to be a pawn in their game of fiscal irresponsibility and government intrusion.

The Democrats running this state, with their supermajority, are completely out of touch. They've turned their backs on the voters who elected them, ignoring our rights while they waste our money. Because of this bureaucracy and their relentless overreach, my family and I are being forced to leave Oregon—just like so many of our neighbors and friends who've already given up and moved away. This state is turning into a playground for the rich, while the rest of us are pushed out.

If Senate Bill 1154 passes with this well tax, Oregon will become unrecognizable—a place where only the wealthy can afford to stay, and the rest of us are either bled dry or driven out. I'm choosing to leave, but for those who stay, good luck—you'll need it to survive this betrayal. Oregon deserves leaders who respect our property and our wallets, not this absurd money grab.

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 1154, and I urge everyone to submit an opposing testimony to save our beautiful state from ruthless politicians who don't care about their people and only care about staying in power.