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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1154
Ground Water Wells – SB 1154

Dear Legislators,

I am a life long resident of Eastern Oregon and wells are extremely important to us here

however, these wells presently being used have been paid for by each of the owners and

we therefore have paid for the use of this water. Paying the state to tax us and control us

is not what we paid for.

If you really want what's best for Oregon water continue to monitor the ground water for

contaminants and water levels. If necessary to curtail new wells in certain areas I can

understand that, but Columbia River water being infused into the aquifers seems like a

reasonable way to recharge them. If not mistaken this is already being done in our Hermiston

area.

Please don't punish us for developing our own properties for the betterment and upgrade of

our properties. Lets use more Columbia River water for our thirsty lands and not so much

dependability on new wells for farm use, especially since that's where the largest amount of

the water use goes.

If you feel the need to have more income we have no more to give. It's time to use the income you have more efficiently and stop the waste. By now there should be more than enough income for the state of Oregon if this is done promptly.

Sincerely,

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(Son of a pioneer family)