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As a rural resident and farmer, I understand the vital importance of clean, sufficient ground water. In fact, our lives out here on a river island in the Willamette depend on that water to be clean and to be enough for our needs.

For too too long, Oregon's rural communities have suffered known and ongoing pollution of their ground water. I'm proud to stand alongside the rural residents of Morrow and Umatilla County, alongside Kaleb Lay and Jim Doherty and their powerful and painful stories, in support of updating Oregon's ground water management act. I support SB 1154 with the dash-one amendment. I recognize that there's still work to do and that there's still time to do the work to make this bill the best it can be.

To the committee: please move this bill forward and make the hard decisions to improve Oregon's ground water. There's one million Oregonians counting on you for clean drinking water from wells and there's thousands of farms counting on you for their irrigation water from wells. Thank you for your time.