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On Behalf Of:  
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Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1154

Good afternoon, Chair Sen. Golden, Vice Chair Sen. Nash and Members of the Committee,

My name is Delana Johnson, and I'm the owner of a 2nd generation farm in the Willamette Valley. I'm here today to respectfully oppose Senate Bill 1154.

Our 53 acre family farm is home to many cattle, goats, chickens and many other farm animals. We're a small, family farm that focuses on sustainability, education, and responsible animal care. The well on our property is not a luxury—it's our lifeline. Our animals depend on that water for drinking, and we rely on it to grow the hay that feeds them. We also grow a large garden to feed our family. We test our well every few years to ensure ours and our animals health and safety. We feel as a well owner this is our responsibility.

But it's not just livestock that depends on it. The water we pump also supports the surrounding ecosystem. Wildlife on and around our farm—including bald eagles, barn owls, ducks, geese, elk, deer, coyotes, raccoons, bob cats and countless birds—rely on the water sources we maintain. Removing or restricting our access puts those populations at risk, too.

This bill is giving to much over reach to government agencies. We are deeply committed to conserving and using water responsibly. But without access to our well, our ability to care for both domestic animals and the wildlife that shares our land is in jeopardy.

In conclusion.

I urge you to consider the full impact this bill will have on small, rural farms like ours. Senate Bill 1154 threatens more than just wells—it threatens an entire way of life and a delicate local ecosystem.

Thank you for your time.