

## Well Testimony

I am writing in firm opposition to SB 1154. This bill represents a clear overreach of government authority and a violation of private property rights. Landowners should absolutely have the right to drill and maintain wells on their own property without constant interference or surveillance from state agencies.

Water is a critical resource, especially for rural residents who rely on wells for daily life, agriculture, and livestock. SB 1154 not only threatens that basic right, but it also opens the door for government officials to trespass on private land whenever they see fit, under the guise of monitoring wells. That is unacceptable.

Allowing the government unrestricted access to private property sets a dangerous precedent. It undermines the very foundation of property ownership. If this bill passes, what's next? Unannounced inspections of homes? Monitoring of private energy use? This is a slippery slope.

Responsible well owners already take care of their water sources. They have the most incentive to do so because it directly affects their families, their homes, and their livelihood. Adding excessive regulations and allowing random inspections without consent is invasive, unnecessary, and frankly, disrespectful to the people who live on and care for the land.

I urge you to respect property rights, respect rural communities, and vote NO on SB 1154.