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Water is life and must be treasured, never contaminated. SB1154 is a welcome protection for the humans who live here who own that water and depend on it to be available to consume. Agricultural interests should not be allowed to flush non-drinkable chemicals into the groundwater and down into the aquifer. Any contamination of the aquifer should not only be stopped, it should be grounds for revoking use of all waters granted under a water right for that holder in perpetuity. Poisoning of our waters is not only absolute insanity, it is contrary to all obligations and duties of the state to function in the public interest. Destruction of it is not acceptable. Public workers should be responsible for measuring contamination and holding those responsible to desist without recourse. Any chemicals responsible that could percolate into the aquifer should be banned from use above the aquifer. No exceptions. Non-toxic fertilizers, if not available, should be developed for use, or farming with toxics should be condoned in hydroponic settings where waste water can be piped into a truck and taken to a facility where it can be neutralized. I urge those who will vote on this bill to hold fast to their oath of serving the public now and the generations to follow. Thank you for your attention in this critical issue.