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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1153

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Subject: Objection to Proposed Meter Installation on Private Property – SB 1153

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed installation of a well water meter on private property. I believe this action infringes upon property rights as a homeowner as well as local farmers. This is government over reach and a means to implement control over private property well water usage and establishing a way for the government to financially profit from. I believe the reasons given to convince the public to accept this as a good idea are fabricated or exaggerated negatively, i.e. water rights on private property may affect endangered aquatic species (remember the Spotted Owl?) in nearby stream(s) or the fact the city lost a \$50 million dollar grant and needs to find a source of revenue elsewhere, therefore, targeting private property owners.

Shifting local government decision making to the state is not a move in the right direction. This bill is especially detrimental to our local farmers impacting crop production and their ability to continue farming or not. Additionally, private property homeowner's usage of their own private well water will be regulated adding cost to family finances that should not take place. Period. A large percentage of the rural community comprise of low income households and will be burdened by additional cost to their overly stressed check books.

I believe there are alternative solutions that do not involve placing government-owned equipment on private land.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and explore other options that respect the rights of property owners in our community.

Thank you.