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To the Oregon electives . I have owned my farm for 40 years in which we have Grandfathered Water Rights. I run a small farm and use my water rights to water my gardens and water my livestock and some day I may want to have a hay operation or start a homestead or flower operation or sell to someone with these interests which add value to my farm to have these GRAND FATHERED rights. To think that the people who put these rights in that is Understood that a Governing body can never change the law is disturbing. It is a Government over reach and an act of Tyranny in my view. We live in one of the highest rain fall parts of the West Coast and the only issues I have witnessed is the fact that these Developers being allowed to build subdivisions and taxing the water systems and paving huge swaths of land in road systems the land is a natural filter system . Yet us farmers are reaping the brundt of this ground water issue in reality over development is a detriment to our water . I ask you to be conscious of the people who have these Grand Fathered Irrigation rights to be honored as they were meant to be as it will have a huge impact of future organic food and hay production in the very near future.