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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4006

HELLO to Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, members of the Committee:

I love Oregon.
I have lived here for many years. And I oppose Oregon State House Bill # 4006.
We have climate change.
Everything is drying up!
Oregon's water belongs to the public.
We must preserve our rivers and streams! We cannot allow exemptions from one area of the state from important water laws.
That is not right. Farmers in Oregon must adhere to rules in place. We have to look for what is good for the Columbia River, the Basin, or our state.
The Oregon Water Resources Department work is important!
We must give them the tools to manage over 700,000 acres of irrigated agriculture.
The effects of BIG BUSINESS, CORPORATIONS, increased agriculture on the groundwater quality of the Lower Basin Ground Water Management Area, is alarming.
We have to look at the future.....we must protect our groundwater!
Increased farming irrigation practices, risks increased nitrate inputs into groundwater.

Please oppose this bill.
Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.
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