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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4006

CoChairs and Members of the Committee,

Please do not move this bill forward. Water is certainly one of our most precious resources, if not the most, and its quality and quantity are already threatened in most parts of our state. Once again the passing of this bill would advantage the already advantaged folks (with land and irrigation rights) and potentially further disadvantage others who are less privileged. We have been woefully negligent in improving the water quality (nitrate issue) for those people on wells in the Umatilla Basin and this won't help them. As snowpack diminishes and the climate in general becomes more threatening to us all, we need to be more, not less conservative with the resources we have so that future generations may still have opportunities for a good life in Oregon.

I was raised on a family farm in Oregon and now own and manage a working family forest. I care immensely about Oregon and Oregonian's future and am convinced that instead of "using more" of our limited natural resources we must use our creative resources to figure out how to do better (more) with less - something we have historically not needed to worry about. Let's incentivize that instead of pumping more.

Thank you for your service to Oregon.

Sincerely,

Sarah Deumling