

Submitter: Michael Lainoff

On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4006

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

If ratified, HB 4006 will severely impact Oregon's precious public waters. Moreover, exempting irrigators and potential polluters in one area of the state from important water laws that every other farmer in Oregon must adhere to is not good for the Columbia River, the Umatilla Basin, or our state. This bill undermines the Oregon Water Resources Department's ability to manage over 700,000 acres of irrigated agriculture, and sets a dangerous precedent. Accordingly, I urge you to oppose this ill-conceived and harmful bill.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Michael Lainoff