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To Whom it may concern:- HB4044

Oregonian - I was proud to say I was from Oregon and so were the previous generations that settled here and developed the state by hard work and foresight, but our state government is trying to take away our livelihood. We have just a few people in government that are in the working peoples corner. Livelihood consists of economics, the love of what you do and the products you produce to feed the nation. I am of course referring to the taking of wells and surface water. Quoting statistics about economic loss will be brought up in the hearing, but the loss of wells will impact personal, state, and national economics. Taking of the wells will finish ruining what is advertized as "Oregon the Green State" and peoples ~~ability~~ ability to make a living. The impact on wildlife by drying the state up is yet to be felt. Just walk around and see what our ancestors built with shovels, picks & horses and imagine the time and effort that was spent creating a way of life for them and future generations and now we have lost all perspective and it is falling fast into ruin. If common sense doesn't start to prevail - I fear for our state and nation.

Thank You

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