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**From:** Patrino Beth  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 4:15 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: SUPPORT of HB 4044

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**From:** The SeCoy Family [<mailto:secoy@delta-s.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 4:16 PM  
**To:** Patrino Beth  
**Subject:** SUPPORT of HB 4044

Dear Ms. Partino,

I am emailing to express my frustration, dismay and devastation at what the state is proposing to do by shutting down not only our agricultural well, but those of our neighbors near Beatty, OR.

This entire water fight has become so wrapped up in political machinations that NO GOOD SCIENCE is being used to support what has become arbitrary decisions as to who may have access to water and who does not. Water rights that go back for years are being tossed aside. I ask you - what good are all these carefully crafted rules that provide protection for all parties if another group comes in and simply states they are null and void?

It has taken our family 6 years to build up our herd of Scottish Highland beef cattle to the point where we have the correct numbers for good stewardship. We also raise Connemara ponies and llamas, as well as meat goats. Our children are in Sheep 4H and have several ewes for raising market lambs. We raise two annual crops of hay on well-maintained fields and have irrigated pastures for our animals. We water only as much as the fields need and are not wasteful.

Yet some group of people who work for the public good appear to care more about political power and pleasing a tiny minority of people than being good stewards of what they are empowered to care for.

I would like to know - do you think I should sell our whole herd of Scottish Highlands first? Or should I tell our children that they have to sell their ewes and market lambs that are expected any day now? Or maybe we should sell of our meat goats?

There is NO PROOF that our well, nearly 3 MILES away from Sprague River, can possibly influence a river that is born from mountain snowfall.

I demand that the state of Oregon provide proof positive, with unbiased scientific methods, that use of our wells removes water from the Sprague River.

Until this happens, the state of Oregon and those who work for it are nothing but bullies.

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