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Hi Members of the committee,

I am a 4th generation rancher on a family farm in Baker Valley and also am President of our Upper Bulger Ditch Company which oversees watering of over 3,000 acres of land. Our area consists of many small family farms who struggle to stay in business and make a living off the land due to the present low commodity prices of the crops grown here. Margins are thin. I am opposed to this bill requiring the installation of many water measuring devices everywhere that water is diverted for irrigation. The present system of water use is working well as it has since 1877. We have a ditch walker who operates on the direction of our local water master to insure that everyone gets the water to which they are entitled in accordance with their water right. This bill is not needed.

Sincerely,

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