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To the House Water Committee:

My husband and I live in Harney County where we participate in a Community Based Water Planning Collaborative. For three years USGS has studied the Harney Basin and their preliminary conclusions are that irrigation use is drawing about 100,000 acre feet more than recharge. We are in water crisis here.

One thing we would like to see is enforcement of metering. We understand this bill would require reporting of required metering to OWRD. That would be a huge help in preventing waste of water used for irrigation. It will also help pinpoint overuse. The most drastic alternative would be OWRD using priority rights to curb use. We need help here and this bill would help.

We support HB4069.

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