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On Behalf  
Of:

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

Measure: HB2929

I support HB2929, the Injunction to stop Illegal Water Use.

Signs of climate change are everywhere. Irrigation water was rationed last summer. Dry conditions and record-breaking temperatures are fueling ever more catastrophic wildfires. You don't have to be a climate scientist to see these events. News headlines pop up regularly to remind us of our changing world.

Water is in short supply throughout Central Oregon. We live on rural acreage and are dependent on an exempt well for domestic water. We rely on agricultural irrigation water for our property. This was rationed last summer and is expected to be again this year. Most of the reservoirs are far below capacity. Wells are going dry. Farmers do not have enough water.

While legal water users are facing shortages and drought conditions, illegal use is taking place. Every effort needs to be made to stop this stealing of our precious resource. HB 2929 would be a great step in this direction.

Sincerely,

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