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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB747

Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, and Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water:

I support SB 747

I am Estelle Voeller, living in Jackson County, next to a large commercial orchard. We are dependent on ground water supplies for our large garden, which supplies many families, and all of our domestic needs.

I believe it is the responsibility of all of us to protect the quality of our water, and if entities contaminate that water, I expect our government to step in if those entities are unwilling or unable to take responsibility for their actions.

I know there are Groundwater Management Areas now that have already been designated. It hurts all the people in the area, as well as the environment and wildlife, and can jeopardize the productive capacity of all the nearby land.

This bill is not an enforcement or penalty bill; it only requires reporting information so the extent of the problems can be understood, and solutions identified. Furthermore, it only applies to farms with 200 acres or more, and is data that is already likely being collected, as this information has a direct bearing on their financial decisions and outcomes.

This is a common sense bill and helps address a longstanding issue which negatively affects many people in GMA's. Our water is a precious and limited resource.

I strongly urge your support.

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