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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB427

Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

I support Senate Bill 427 to safeguard streamflows in water right transfers.

Currently the Oregon Water Resources Department can approve applications for water right transfers without adequate consideration of whether the change will harm streamflows. I live near the Deschutes River in Bend. The Deschutes River Conservancy is working hard with many different groups to increase the streamflow of the Deschutes, especially in the wintertime. I have personally helped move fish stranded in the Deschutes when the flow is significantly decreased in the fall. Please close this loophole so that we are not moving backwards on restoring streamflows.

I urge your support of SB 427 and the streamflows it will safeguard.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Morgen