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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,

Please join me in supporting Senate Bill 427, a common-sense bill that will safeguard streamflows during water right transfers.

As a lawyer and former conservation professional, I believe it is against public policy to authorize the Oregon Water Resources Department to approve applications for water right transfers without a specific finding that the change will not reduce streamflows, thereby protecting fish, water quality and scenic and recreational values.

Senate Bill 427 ensures that voluntary water right changes won't have the unintended collateral effect of further diminishing streamflows. This bill makes a simple but important fix to a dangerous and outdated loophole in the water right transfer review process.

Thank you for your service on behalf of Oregonians and public natural resources,

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