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Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources, and Water  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3501

Representatives Helms, Owens, and Members of the Committee,

I support this bill. After the Groundwater allocation rulemaking last year, It essentially locked up all future (new) water rights in this state for the foreseeable future. This is a great bill that will help keep transfers open and available as a means for water rights. We must keep SOME means of water usage open for future generations to come.

As a small Water Well Drilling Business, I personally have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars to be able to drill larger agricultural and municipal wells.

After the Groundwater Allocation rulemaking however, I was only able to use most of this equipment a couple of times, making it essentially worthless in this state, which is a hard pill to swallow.

Also, with so few drillers overall in the state that were even able to drill these large wells, it will only make it even more difficult for these users to be able to maintain, and repair these projects.

Thank you Representative Owens for Sponsoring this bill, and thank you all for your support of this bill.

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