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To whom it may concern,

I have owned and operated a nursery for 28 years. We recently perfected a water right that took 20 years to complete. Water rights are the lifeblood of farming. To add other layer of governance to a water rights regulatory system that is working is redundant, wasteful, and inefficient.

Water Right transfers are necessary to ensure access to water for future generations of Oregon Farmers. Furthermore SB 1153 threatens flexibility that farmers require when adapting to changing conditions. This Bill also exposes farmers to litigation and places the burden of proof squarely on the farmers shoulders.

For the above reasons, I strongly oppose SB 1153.

Respectfully,
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