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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1154

I strongly oppose SB 1154. In my opinion, it represents a clear violation of the Oregon Constitution and the property rights guaranteed to Oregonians. This bill grants excessive power to government agencies, allowing them to unilaterally declare areas of groundwater concern and establish management areas that I feel would infringe upon individual property rights.

Under the Oregon Constitution, property rights are fundamental and must be protected from unwarranted governmental interference. I feel that SB 1154 grants the state sweeping authority to regulate private property without due process, which I feel violates the protections afforded to citizens by both the state and federal constitutions? The bill's provision allowing agencies to unilaterally declare groundwater concerns without proper oversight I feel that undermines the principles of fairness and transparency that are fundamental to our legal system.

My understanding of this bill it empowers unelected committees and organizations that do not represent the affected landowners to create rules and policies that could significantly impact livelihoods, businesses, and personal freedoms. I feel that this bill is an unjust overreach that violates Oregon private property owners constitutionally protected rights to manage and control their own property.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider this bill and the precedent it sets in undermining property rights, transparency, and the trust that Oregonians place in their government to act within the confines of the law and the Oregon Constitution.

Thank you for your time.