

To: Senate Resources Committee on Natural Resources & Wildlife

Regarding: SB 1154

Dear Senate Resources Committee on Natural Resources & Wildlife,

I am writing in opposition to SB 1154. I believe there are good intentions to protect groundwater quality with parts of this bill; however, Sections 17 & 19 from the -1 version of this bill are unacceptable government overreach and I request them to be removed from this senate bill.

As an Oregonian living in a rural residential zone, I can attest that properly managing rural land requires hard work and self-sufficiency. I take pride in this proper land management and believe Sections 17 & 19 infringe on my private property rights in the State of Oregon. Under no circumstances should a government entity, in this case the Department of Environmental Equality (DEQ), be allowed to enter my property without my authorized consent. I am strongly opposed to the unchecked powers that SB 1154 would grant to the Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD) to create rules where counties must prohibit new residential structures, even outside of groundwater quality management areas (GWMAs). I believe SB 1154 gives far too much unchecked power to the DLCD in the guise of groundwater protection, and will allow the DLCD to control growth and development across the State of Oregon.

We're all aware of the housing crisis plaguing our beautiful state and should be discussing legislation that simplifies and reduces the costly, burdensome restrictions for building housing in both urban and rural settings across Oregon. SB 1154 creates another barrier to our housing crisis through destroying property values for rural private property owners and adding more restrictions to our limited land supply for housing and development. I urge you to please vote no on SB 1154. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Best,

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