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

Dear Committee,

I strongly oppose SB1154, in particular the -1 Amendment. What began as a well-intentioned (always dangerous) effort to bolster existing laws regarding groundwater contamination has morphed into a gargantuan, overreaching land use bill. Please stop leveraging distinct crises (wildfire, groundwater contamination) to advance environmental extremist agendas! This bill, along with SB 762 is yet another attack by the Legislature on rural property owners, making life more difficult and expensive for those living and working in rural areas. SB 1154 contains numerous clear violations of private property rights, and places unacceptable limitations on how landowners can use and develop their privately owned land.

My biggest fear is that if this bill becomes law, there is no guarantee that the definition of "groundwater management area" at some point won't be revised to include the entire state. Please reject this flawed bill and insure that it does not pass out of Committee.

Thank you,

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