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On Behalf Of: Oregon Farmers and Ranchers
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1154

Greetings, to All Oregonians, everywhere:

My name is Duane Duran, a lifetime resident of the State of Oregon and I am submitting this testimony in opposition to SB 1154.

After careful consideration of the facts, I have come to learn the gravity of the situation surrounding the main issues pertaining to the stewardship of water resources and the importance of protecting, promoting and securing safe, clean, healthy water resources for all Oregonians, everywhere.

I heard and saw the proponent's speeches and their flashy PowerPoint presentations that were as colorful as they were informative. And I heard one advocate deliver some eloquent diatribe about the URGENT NEED to act now to save our water resources in Oregon and how the previous measures have failed to provide much improvement in the protection of our vital water resources.

But, in the end...all I heard was MORE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IS NEEDED, WE MUST ESTABLISH MORE REGULATION and MONITORING, if we are ever to get a handle on this critical need.

Well, I respectfully disagree.

Government regulations and monitoring programs are not the ONLY WAY! Please allow me to suggest that perhaps we can enlist the public via a very robust PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN with rewards and incentives that will encourage private property owners and businesses to do more with respect to the water resources they utilize. We could encourage more volunteer community well testing and an information campaign to assist property owners to become more educated about their stewardship of the vital water resources they use. Moreover, we could provide TAX INCENTIVES for Folks to be able to purchase and install more Water Filtration and Water Reclamation systems in their own back yard. We could create a TAX DEDUCTION for businesses that are willing to invest in some water technologies that will assist them in their water treatment efforts.

At least then, the public is the majority stock holder.

Not the Government.

Only Government Beaucrats, and Globalists want more Government Rules and Regulations. And the problem with that is, the Government intervention always ends up being MORE EXPENSIVE in the end because we all know that Government Programs NEVER END!

I think it's fair to say...the PEOPLE WANT to be a part of the solution. And in the end, they can do it faster and cheaper than Government can unilaterally.

So, In closing, I urge you to vote "No" on SB1154. Because it's just another Government Boondoggle and it goes too far with its regulative authority and far reaching tentacles.

I would gladly support a more bi-partisan approach where Government WORKS WITH THE PEOPLE and empowers the people to be a major shareholder in a solution-oriented approach.

The PEOPLE working Hand-in-Hand with the Government, is the best way forward on this issue.

I hope you would agree and vote "NO" on SB1154.

It's the right idea, but the wrong approach.

Thank you, very much.

Respectfully Yours,

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