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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1153

I am writing to OPPOSE SB 1153 and to urge members of this committee to vote NO.

- 1) This bill was drafted without consulting the community that it would most impact- the agricultural community. How can you in good conscience support a bill drafted without representation?
- 2) As a results of this bill being drafted without agricultural input, it is capricious and filled with vague language and vague immeasurable goals.
- 3) It seems to have been drafted by people who have little working knowledge of how farmers use water management tools like water transfers in the real world. Thus it removes much needed flexibility. It will have negative economic impacts, not just on individual operations, but also upon entire communities that are heavily dependent on a healthy agricultural sector.
- 4) There is no evidence that the new restrictions in this bill would solve any issues. It's a bill that causes harm, without addressing any real existing problem.
- 5) Based on the reasons outlined above, reasonable people might conclude, as do I, that this is a poorly designed power grab by OWRD.

Please vote NO on SN 1153.