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To Laura Hartt:

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Please do not implement more restrictive regulations in evaluating and issuing new groundwater rights as they adversely affect growing your own food, sharing, and small dairies.

As COVID has taught us supply chains can be interrupted and this would make it harder if not impossible for neighbors to help neighbors in adversity. Government can only do so much, it is limited in resources and your common citizen can fill in the gaps that the government is not equipped to handle.

Currently, economic downturns are occurring and diverse avenues of coping with those challenges is needed.

What small benefit the changes would make is not in line with the negative effects that would occur.

Big Agriculture will survive the rules, but small businesses and hobby gardeners will not.

Please do not let Oregon be viewed negatively as a place unfriendly to the small guy. It goes against our culture of live and let live.

We are at the point of diminishing return in regulations. Please reconsider pursuing this avenue of rules.

Sincerely, A. Brooks

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