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To whom it may concern:

I am a retired Pediatrician and also a Board member of the Oregon chapter of the Nature Conservancy. The proposed new rules are urgently needed to conserve our groundwater. Beyond the impact on fish, wildlife, rivers and lakes there is a looming public health issue as well. Over half of the wells tested in the Harney Basin have shown high levels of arsenic and boron due to low groundwater. In the Umatilla Basin nitrate levels are significantly higher than the EPA considers safe for drinking water. This public health issue disproportionately affects low income families that cannot afford the costs of deepening their well or digging a new one.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Catherine Kordesch MD