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Water Resources Commission
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Dear Water Resources Commission,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed rule changes that have been put forth by OWRD. As an Oregonian who believes in responsible use of natural resources and an active member of the Nature Conservancy, I believe these changes are not only necessary but also crucial for long term sustainability of Oregon's groundwater.

Over time, we have seen Oregon's groundwater levels drop due to excessive pumping. It has become increasingly evident that our current rules do not properly protect this valuable resource. These limitations have resulted in wells going dry across the state (limiting access to safe water and increased costs for digging deeper), water quality issues for fish and farmers, and impacts to surface waters.

The proposed rule changes offer a comprehensive solution to address these challenges and pave the way for positive outcomes and improvements. With responsible permitting for new pumping we can ensure current Oregonian communities are not impacted by future development.

Furthermore, I appreciate the thoroughness with which these rule changes have been crafted. It is evident that extensive research, consultation, public input and consideration have gone into their development. This inclusive and thoughtful approach has resulted in rules that are fair, practical, and aligned with the needs of farmers, fishermen, domestic well owners and even recreational water users.

In addition, I believe that implementing these rule changes will foster a culture of transparency, accountability, and fairness. This will also strengthen the overall integrity and effectiveness of the OWRD.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. I am confident that the adoption of these rule changes will lead to a brighter future for the people's water of Oregon.

Sincerely,

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