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Dear Ms. Hartt,

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I am Senator Art Robinson's principle assistant as well as his son and coworker in science for several decades. I also have a background in science with extensive experience and a PhD in chemistry from Caltech.

In addition, due to my father being barred from re-election, I am a candidate to replace him in the Senate.

I can tell you from first hand experience, both working with my father and as a candidate, that Oregon residents are extremely upset over the continuous expansion of regulations that make it more and more difficult for businesses to operate.

Our state needs farmers. We need our farmers to be productive and provide food at the cheapest possible prices. When farmers suffer, our other businesses suffer as well as all Oregonians.


This is an extremely poor time to be making new regulations that will restrict the ability to drill new agricultural wells.

While we recognize that it is important to occasionally prevent the drilling of an agricultural well due to a shortage of water in the area, the default position of the state should be to grant permission to drill these wells except in these rare cases.

New state agency rules that require a new well to have zero impact on surface water are obviously absurd. In science we know that everything effects everything. When you get out of bed, you change the rotation of the earth – but at an infinitesimal level.

I could not agree more with my father, Senator Art Robinson's enclosed letter. Please reconsider and do not put further restrictions on access to agricultural water.

Best Regards,



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