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Dear Chair Quaempts and Members of the Commission:

As a new transplant from California to Oregon, i want to thank you for the Commission's critical work to oversee OWRD's development of science-based groundwater allocation rules that implement Oregon's 1955 Groundwater Act. I support OWRD's proposed rules because they will result in more sustainable management of groundwater.

More sustainable groundwater practices will result in better protection of streamflows and cold water inputs to rivers and streams. Please avoid the huge mistakes of states like Arizona and Nevada who are rapidly decimating underground reservoirs. These changes are an important first step in addressing water scarcity and drought associated with the impacts of climate change, and are critical for protecting aquatic ecosystems. Keep in mind that once the water is gone, it's not coming back. Improving how Oregon issues new groundwater permits is long overdue, and I look forward to adoption of the proposed rules.

Please act swiftly to approve OWRD's proposed groundwater allocation rules!

Sincerely,

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