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**Subject:** I support sustainable groundwater management!

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Dear Chair Quaempts and Members of the Commission:

I live in Portland. I appreciate the need for sustainable practices to protect the safety, availability and equitable use of Oregon's water resources. There are good reasons why some of the oldest legal systems in human history concern water rights, and I consider protection of this essential resource to be one of the primary reasons for the existence of government.

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. Without careful management working with natural processes we can cause devastating damage to our ecosystem. These proposed rules 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. 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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