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Subject: Opposition to House Bill 2706

Chair and members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment

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UP FRONT: The Crooked River Ranch (CRR) Club and Maintenance Association is opposed to HB 2706 in particular as well as the other two water related bills: HB 2705 and HB 2707.

I'm writing to convey my utmost disappointment with the inception and concept of HB 2706. Oregon residents who have and use their wells have already paid for the use of their well . They have bought their property, they have paid their taxes and most of them have paid to drill the well. The price of a well can range from \$1,000 - \$5,000, in addition to the cost per foot for drilling and necessary permits and fees. Depending on how deep these wells have to be drilled this could be \$10,000-\$40,000 dollars. I think it is fair to say that our citizens have more than already 'paid' their dues. More often than not, these wells are drilled on rural properties, folks that might make their living off of livestock. The idea that a \$2,500 cap per property per year is ludicrous. That could be a hay bill to feed cattle, thus eliminating the resources for a resident to maintain their livelihood.

I can see this process being nothing more than an avenue for the state to continually increase this fee. Thank you for letting my express my extreme disappointment with the concept of this bill. Oregonians are already one of the second highest income taxed resident in the United States. I expect our representatives to be a little more creative in their ability to come up with funding ideas for this state. Riding on the backs of folks that have already paid their dues is not one of them. Stand strong and tall and vote against this. Certainly Oregonians have already paid their fair share to live in the beautiful state.

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