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Director Ted Sturdevant
Department of Ecology
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RE: Yakima River Basin Groundwater

Dear Director Sturdevant,

As you are well aware, the ongoing Upper Kittitas County groundwater moratorium has many of my constituents deeply concerned that the Department of Ecology will apply similar restrictions in Yakima County. I have also heard from citizens in Benton County with similar concerns. Although the media has reported statements from you to the contrary, I have been informed there is a high probability the Department of Ecology will implement emergency rule-making to withdraw the rest of the Yakima River Basin from further exempt groundwater use.

I would respectfully request you provide me with a detailed action plan for the Yakima River Basin (WRIAs 37, 38 and 39) with regard to exempt groundwater use at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Representative David Taylor
15th Legislative District

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