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You say I cannot water my garden? But I use my garden to sustain life, limit my expenses in a financially difficult time, eat healthy food and share with my neighbors. This proposal will curb my ability to sustain our food production?

Also, if I want to sell my home with existing water statutes; do the existing water rights for the property go away? And does the new owner have to mitigate new water rights? Will the new owner have to dig deeper wells and incur hefty drilling fees in doing such?

This will make my existing property much less valuable if this should happen and after I have worked so hard to improve my property all these years and to end up with no benefits to buying my property?

And, if I start failing and need to do water therapy and existing pools are too cold around the county, can I purchase a hot tub/swim spa and be able to fill it for my medical use/physical therapy?

We are pretty much at the end of the water chain in our location. So, how does my location affect water usage as much; it goes right back into the ground and right out to the straights eventually.....?

This proposition is too vague, too clouded, to ambiguous. There are not specific items to grab on to here so that I will know what I will or will not be able to do.

Is like the "Health Care Bill"; it has to be passed before we know what's in it and how it really affects us?

We already do as much as we can to save water usage. I grew up on a ranch in Arizona. I know how to do that, especially when the well dries up for a week or so or the pump motor fails.

Even city and county governments make us get permits for rain barrel collection and even then we have to use a certain kind that the government specs for us to use rather than doing it the old fashioned way of just collecting the water, then distributing the water to our gardens or livestock. They have made it prohibitive. What is wrong with this practice, discouraging us from alternative way to water and not using ground water? This is not logical.

With all this said, *I definitely have BIG problems with the proposal and definitely am against this proposal.*

Respectfully,
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"If God Brings you to it, He will bring you through it!"