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To Whom It May Concern,

I am somewhat concerned by the governments proposals for the Water Modernization Act. It seems that the Government is planning on taking away peoples water rights and and are instead planning to "permit" us to use water. As a water license holder this seems like a rescinding of rights I have had and replacing them with the governments ability to say whether I can use water I previously had rights to. I also have heard that the government may force people taking water from streams to chlorinate their water supplies and I don't see why if the water tests clean we should have to add toxic chemicals to our water system just to satisfy some bureaucratic idea of what "clean water" means. I am also worried that the Water Modernization Act seems to be targeted more at regulating domestic use and does not seem to address issues around resource extraction and use by large corporate entities even though domestic use accounts for a very small portion of water allocations. My last concern is that the act is setting up British Columbians to sell off their water rights to US interests rather than keeping our water here.

Sincerely

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