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Water Resources Department North Mall Office Building 725 Summer Street NE, Suite A Salem, Or 97301-1271

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Dear Water Resources Department,

I am writing this letter with the intention of reapplying for a water right that was denied in 2005. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2005 I applied for a water right for the irrigation of grapevines and for commercial use. Your department responded on November 11, 2005 stating that it appeared unlikely I would receive the water right due to unavailable water in my area. I responded asking for an administrative hold on processing the application which was granted. On June 20, 2006 I withdrew the application and you refunded me my \$450.

In looking back on this process I came across a water right from our immediate neighbor Domaine Drouhin and noticed that they received a water right during this same time frame and now have a priority date of July 21, 2005. (Very close to our original priority date). Domain Drouhin decreased the amount of water they were asking for on April 4, 2006 and the department, at the same time, reevaluated the stability of the aquifer and granted them their water right. I would like to reapply for a water right for this same property again and hope that you will reinstate my original priority date of 6/2/2005.

I thank you for your attention and hope that this can be resolved fairly and quickly.

Sincerely,

Leigh Bartholomew

Vineyard Manager and Co-Operation Director

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