Sheila Plotkin Email to Rep. Krug and Others

Here is the text of the email sent by Sheila Plotkin on Feb. 3, 2016, to all Republican members of the state Legislature:

Subject: SB295/AB389; SB432/AB554

[Note: SB295/AB389 invalidated Special Registration Deputies; SB432/AB554 usurped local control and set the stage for water utility privatization.]

Dear Legislator:

Vote NO on these bills. You swore an oath to represent the people.

The people own their water. They want to continue to do so. Water is a public good. Care of the public good is the responsibility of government. Allowing a corporation to write a bill that makes it easier for that corporation to buy and then profit from what belongs to the people is not representation. It is betrayal.

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Voting is a public good. Protection of the public good is the responsibility of government.

Making registration more difficult by removing the ability of SRDs to reach out to community members and help them register is not representation. It is betrayal.

These bills make a mockery of your oath. They serve corporate profits on the one hand and your political power on the other. They do not serve the people.

You'll receive a lot of comment from citizens regarding these bills. The vast majority will tell you to vote NO. If you vote YES, against the people's express wishes, you will violate your oath of office.

You have done this too many times: GAB, John Doe, campaign finance, gutting public education, voter ID, and on and on. You no longer deserve to call yourself a "Representative".

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