

I urge your continued allocation of general fund money for the preservation of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries or DOGAMI. This small agency of 39 people, provides valuable services that contribute to the safety and welfare of the people of Oregon. DOGAMI informs the public, engineers, architects and geologists about earthquakes, tsunami risk, landslides, floods, radon, and volcanic geologic hazards. The output of DOGAMI geologic mapping is used by municipalities to inform local codes and ordinances to be responsive to area specific geological risks. Engineers use DOGAMI products to design structures responsive to probable seismic risk. This small agency consistently outperforms what would be expected for its size and general fund allocation. It is estimated that the elimination of DOGAMI will result in only a \$3 million annual savings to the general fund. The value of this agency to the people of Oregon far outweighs this small cost savings.

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