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Dear Honorable Oregon Legislature:

I am an Engineering Geologist and have practiced for 43 years in Oregon, Washington, and California. I also served on the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners for 6 years and was the Board Chairman from 2013 to 2017. Throughout my career, I have depended on the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) to provide information on mineral and geothermal resources, geologic hazards, and LiDAR imagery. DOGAMI's geologic maps, technical reports, and guidelines help protect the public from hazards like landslides, earthquakes, and volcanic activity. DOGAMI, like our adjacent states sister agencies in Washington (Washington Geological Survey) and California (California Geological Survey), is critical to collect and publish geologic information to document mineral resources, and protect the safety and welfare of the public. Please do not cut DOGAMI's budget or eliminate the agency.

Respectfully submitted,

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