

I am an engineering geologist that has been trained and practiced within Oregon for the past 20 years. DOGAMI's value to the taxpayers of Oregon cannot be understated. Oregon's increasing population, its reliance on critical infrastructure, and the growing understanding geohazard risk demands that DOGAMI continues to thrive. During just my career, more widespread landslide hazards mapping would have saved Oregon taxpayers millions on rework on landslide prone Coast Range infrastructure projects. More generally, the Oregon Resilience Plan has correctly identified the significant earthquake risk that Oregon is exposed to west of the Cascade Range. By reducing DOGAMI's capacity with the inevitable Cascadia Subduction zone earthquake forthcoming, this legislation will certainly cost lives, hurt economic vitality, and will be a critically poor fiscal decision. I support maintaining and expanding DOGAMI's current structure and mission to provide earth science information and regulation to make Oregon safe and prosperous.