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On Behalf Of: Native Plant Society of Oregon

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural Resources

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We support continued funding of the Native Plant Conservation Program of the ODA. The program had two positions funded just LAST YEAR for the all-important work of updating our list of rare and endangered plants and doubling down on the work to protect them. Please don't jeopardize this critical project or let another native plant species go extinct on our watch! As with the monarch butterfly's dependence on native milkweed, native insects depend on native plants. Native birds depend on native insects. It's a network of important ecological dependencies that humans have badly disrupted. Human help is desperately needed to stem the tide of losses. Thanks for listening.