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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB775

Hello! I have lived in Clackamas County for 9 1/2 years and am writing with enthusiastic support for this bill. Not only do I live in and recreate in Clackamas County, but my work in watershed health takes place in both Clackamas and Multnomah Counties (I work for a Watershed Council, though don't write as a representative of one). I'm writing with enthusiastic support for this bill, because I view it as removing inequitable barriers which are pervasive throughout the environmental sector. This is a relic of time when people of color couldn't own land in Oregon, and is such a straightforward way to allow for better representation on Conservation District boards. I think that anyone should be legally able to run for Soil & Water Conservation District Director. The current restrictions are particularly challenging for those districts with urban areas and larger populations and this bill is a thoughtful compromise. Thank you for considering, and hopefully voting in favor of, this bill!