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On Behalf Of:

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I am a professional botanist in a government position for over 17 years, 15 of those in Oregon. OregonFlora helps me to perform my job duties by collating into one location statewide data on plant species from a variety of sources. Distribution maps, taxonomic history, and photographs are some of the products on their website, which help focus planning and conservation efforts. It is important that this sort of botanical data is coordinated effectively, to ensure efficient research and project implementation. I appreciate this bill being introduced, as it identifies and highlights the need for such data to be maintained and shared. I fully support passing of this bill to fund Oregon Flora.