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| On Behalf Of:                     |  |
| Committee:                        | House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water |
| Measure, Appointment or<br>Topic: | HB3173   |

Dear House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

As an ecologist and biologist, I am writing to express my strong support for OregonFlora (HB 3173) and to highlight its critical role in maintaining Oregon's economy, environmental health, quality of life, and biodiversity. As the only program in Oregon that curates and freely shares data on all plants that grow in our state without cultivation, OregonFlora provides an invaluable resource that supports many of the systems at the core of this state. I recently moved to Oregon as a graduate student, and the flora here is unlike anything I have ever seen. It is truly special and deserves recognition, attention, and care in statute to reflect the extraordinary nature of this place.

Thank you for your time and best wishes,

Taylor Janecek