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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire:

My name is Cam Wolff and I am a community member from Milwaukie, OR. I am writing today to support SB 747. It is so important that we do everything we can to control the groundwater contamination in sensitive areas. Groundwater Management Areas have already been designated by the state as having dangerous levels of contaminants. Not only does this hurt the people living here, taking away their assurance of clean drinking water, but it also impacts the environment and wildlife in the area, and threatens the ability of land to remain productive. This bill has been carefully crafted to apply to farms with 200 acres or more, who likely already track their fertilizer application, and it is not an enforcement or penalty bill. This is simply to make sure ODA has the information to advise farmers on programs and best practices that would help them not only protect water quality but save money on inputs.

This personally impacts me because: I grew up on a farm, know the importance of planning for and taking care of both above ground and ground water supply. I also totally understand the concept of "we all live in a watershed". In today's world of climate change I prefer to get my food, produce especially, from farmers markets and other local vendors as I want to support regenerative farming practices rather than mass production in order to better protect sustainability and adaptability. Water truly is life, so doing everything we can to preserve clean and safe water is essential. It is all of our responsibility to protect our water. This is not something that we can take lightly and it makes sense to require more reporting in sensitive areas. Please pass SB 747.

Thank you,
Cam Wolff