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On Behalf Of:  
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Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB747

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

My name is Adam Sunshine, and I am a farm worker and aspiring farmer from Hillsboro, OR. I am writing today to express my strong support for SB 747. It is critical that we take all necessary steps to address groundwater contamination in sensitive areas.

Groundwater Management Areas have already been identified by the state as having dangerous levels of contaminants. This not only threatens the health and safety of the people who rely on this water for drinking and daily use, but it also harms local ecosystems, wildlife, and the long-term productivity of farmland.

SB 747 has been carefully crafted to apply to farms 200 acres or larger, many of which likely already track fertilizer application. Importantly, this bill is not about enforcement or penalties—it is simply a means to ensure that the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has the information needed to provide farmers with guidance on best practices and programs that protect water quality while also saving farmers money on inputs.

As someone working toward establishing my own farm, access to clean and safe water is essential to my future. Responsible land stewardship and water conservation are fundamental to sustainable agriculture, and reporting fertilizer use in sensitive areas is a reasonable step to ensure we protect this vital resource for generations to come.

I urge you to pass SB 747 and take action to safeguard Oregon's water.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Adam Sunshine  
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