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To: House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
From: Greenbelt Land Trust

RE: Support for HB 3341 - \$5 million in funding for the Drinking Water Source Protection Grant Program

Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, and Members of the Committee:

Greenbelt Land Trust is a regional conservation organization with a mission of conserving the lands and waters of the Willamette Valley for a more resilient future. **I am writing to share our organization's strong support HB 3341, which would provide an additional \$5 million in funding for the Drinking Water Source Protection Grant Program for the upcoming biennium to ensure the continuation of this valuable program.**

This bipartisan bill would help ensure secure and safe drinking water for communities in Oregon by providing additional funding for water suppliers to protect, restore, or enhance sources of drinking water through land acquisition and conservation.

All of our drinking water comes from a source - a lake, river, stream or aquifer - and the best way to protect drinking water is to make sure its source is protected. While for many communities in Oregon, clean water is as easy as turning on the tap, a growing number of Oregon communities face challenges accessing clean, reliable and affordable water.

When we protect and manage our natural lands for drinking water, we can ensure reliable water for people, fish and wildlife.

H.B. 3341 is also a key component of the 2025 Water Package and will provide meaningful support for many communities facing water insecurity. H.B. 3341 would help communities and water suppliers secure plentiful drinking water, increase resilience to climate change, and provide additional funding to protect water resources and public health.

Thank you,

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