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The Honorable Greg Smith

February 10, 2025

Dear Mr. Smith:

OAWU and its field staff provide essential training opportunities and technical assistance to small and rural water systems throughout Oregon.

This letter is a request for continued support of rural water and Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU). The training opportunities provided by OAWU are the primary source of continuing education and training for system operators at our system and throughout the state. These training opportunities have been invaluable in helping system operators maintain certifications, grow in expertise, and stay educated in the most effective methods and materials. Additionally, OAWU service technicians have provided our system with excellent on-site technical assistance at no charge. Receiving these critical services at no charge is a vital part of operating a well-running system and producing safe, high-quality drinking water. State funds appropriated to OAWU would provide for the continued training and technical assistance that our water system along with so many other small and rural systems in Oregon rely on.

Thank you for your assistance to OAWU and the small and rural water systems they support to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act and improve the environment through excellent stewardship of our water supplies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Gastineau', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

John Gastineau
Sites and Facilities Manager
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