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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Natural Resources

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5520

Co-Chair Frederick, Co-Chair Levy, and Members of the Committee,

My name is John O'Donoghue and I reside in Eugene. Thank you for this opportunity to express my strong support for SB5520.

The health and wellbeing of all Oregonians is dependent on the State's maintaining a high quality of air, water and land. It is vital that adequate resources be available to monitor these domains and to respond to any disasters involving toxic materials, many of which are transported daily throughout our state by road and train. It is essential that we have a Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that is well-resourced, both in terms of competent, qualified personnel and of the appropriate, up-to-date technical equipment pertinent to the Department's mission. SB5520 seeks to provide the funding needed to maintain the DEQ's effectiveness at a high level. I encourage you, our legislators, to do everything in your power to ensure that the needs of the DEQ are fully provided for by moving this bill on to the Senate floor and passing it into law.

Sincerely,

John O'Donoghue.