

## Testimony in support of SB5531 Mapleton Water District Priority Distribution Line Replacement

I write on behalf of my neighbors, including nurses, teachers, retired folks, and myself.

While writing this testimony the echo of the loggers whistle punk ( horn signals ) mingles with the chirping of migrating birds, and barking dogs. Mapleton sits in the shadows of the fallen timber industry, flanked by large empty lumber yards and nestled below a vast active timber cutting area. A river the Siuslaw runs through it as do salmon.

The water distribution pipes buried in the ground are failing and patching holes is costly and puts people, the school and businesses out of water.

The proceeds that The Mapleton Water District receives for this project benefits everyone who lives here or passes through and will mitigate and assist ongoing losses resulting from reduced water supply.

The money received will facilitate and promote economic growth of local business, ecotourism, vacation rentals and surrounding industry.

These projects will protect and preserve real estate investments and create jobs with the project construction and increased confidence in the water infrastructure.

Rural Oregon deserves reliable water and Mapleton Oregon deserves this investment in its infrastructure and future.

Thanks for your time and consideration in this matter.

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