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On Behalf Of:

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To whom it may concern regarding SB 1586,

As a resident of Washington County, veteran, and student of the mental health field- I implore that you oppose the institution of this bill. Oregon is known for its natural beauty, recreational spaces, history, and environmental importance as a sanctuary for our precious wildlife.

Allowing this bill to pass would not only endanger our natural spaces, but will set us up on a trajectory for a water crisis unlike anything we have ever seen. When all is said and done, nature will be destroyed and people's lives will be at risk. Don't let this happen. Humans and animals alike rely on water to live. Polluting our waterways, consuming our water for cooling, and depleting this resource is something that will put Oregon at a disadvantage and increasingly make it reliant on other systems to survive, instead of making us stronger and more independent.

During my time working with environmental agencies as a volunteer, I have acquired a profound appreciation for our wetlands. They not only provide us life but healing- and through my time working in these settings I have improved my mental health when mental health resources are at an all time low. I want to emphasize the importance of these healing properties as a disabled veteran that has benefited from these spaces greatly. Do not betray the trust of your veterans by destroying our wetlands.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony. I implore you- do not let this bill pass. This will ruin our future. Think of your families, our families, and our communities that rely on this water to prosper. Your decision to support this bill is effectively signing our death sentence. Do not support it.

Take care, we are trusting in you to do the right thing.

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