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The Honorable Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
Natural Resources Ways and Means Subcommittee
c/o John Terpening, Legislative Fiscal Office
9800 Court Street NE, H-178
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) Budget

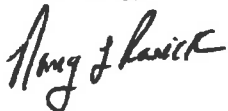
Dear Honorable Richard Devlin:

I am writing in support of DOGAMI's proposed budget. I am a licensed geologist and Certified Water Rights Examiner in Baker City. I use DOGAMI's maps and data to help my clients (primarily ranchers and farmers) evaluate their ground and surface water resources.

With continued drought in Eastern Oregon, DOGAMI's work is urgently needed to evaluate new sources of groundwater to meet current demand by the agricultural community and municipalities. This research needs to include the use of aquifer recharge and storage to mitigate for drought impacts on agriculture and available stream flow for fisheries. Without more rain or alternative water sources, the farming region in Malheur County will face the shortest irrigation season on record in 2015.

Our state is currently undergoing many changes in land use, population density and climate. Now is not the time to restrict DOGAMI's work. I urge your continued support of DOGAMI.

Sincerely,



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cc: Tim Kerns, Baker County Commissioner
Cliff Bentz, State Representative

