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Dear Committee members:

It is imperative that you provide full funding for the proposed water programs included in this budget. We are at a crucial juncture in Oregon with our rivers and ground water increasingly stressed, while we lack the data necessary to properly understand and monitor our water resources and complete the necessary management plans.

My company, Dean Runyan Associates, works in the travel industry throughout the US and we understand very well the value to Oregon's travel industry of high quality rivers, lakes and the wildlife they support. Travel Oregon regularly includes the high quality of Oregon natural resources as part of our Oregon's brand for attracting national and foreign visitors. These resources also attract residents and visitors to many rural locations throughout the state, supporting the rural economies that we are having so much trouble maintaining.

So please include the necessary funds and staffing, including the instream flow study support and integrated water resources staffing, so we can make the progress necessary on properly managing Oregon's water resources.

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