

In a state that has a large number of natural geologic hazards including landslides, volcanos, earthquakes and tsunamis, having an independent and well funded department of geology is crucial for the safety of our state. The science that DOGAMI provides is used by engineers and planners on a daily basis to guide infrastructure planning and updates across the state. I visited Chile after their large subduction zone quake and it was quite apparent that the lack of a state or federal agency that focuses on natural hazards was a detriment to planning and preparation for large geologic events. I have recently been using DOGAMI's seismic and landslide data to help agencies in Oregon to better evaluate emergency transportation routes and the infrastructure that supports it. With our increased fire activity, knowing where landslides are likely to occur due to fire damaged slopes will also be crucial. I can't imagine another state that needs a well funded and independent geology agency more than Oregon. I am the resilience lead for most of the engineering organizations within the state and know first hand how important their functions are. I encourage you to fully fund DOGAMI as an independent agency.