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On Behalf

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My name is Glenn Lamb of Portland, Oregon. I have worked in conservation in Oregon for nearly 35 years with Columbia Land Trust, the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts, the Land Trust Alliance, and Pacific Birds Joint Venture. My comments today are my own.

Our healthy future is inextricably linked to thoughtful stewardship of our land and water. Other parts of the country and world demonstrate the sorry result of poor stewardship. Here in the western U.S. especially water wars portend grave consequences for many other cities.

This bill would be yet another example of Oregon rising above such extraction-no-matter-the-cost thinking to implement voluntary positive action to conserve our precious resources. I strongly urge passage of this bill. Oregon land trusts are considered among the most effective in the country and could play a critical role in implementing these programs, providing the state with high leverage of their investments.

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My best,

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