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I am a botanist for the Bureau of Land Management and I am writing to give my sincerest support for this bill. I use their website and flora for my job multiple times a week. It is amazing to have this comprehensive, standardized dataset at my fingertips as a land manager. Myself and my other colleagues fawn over the usefulness of this amazing resource. In addition, the ready access and easy-to-use information on the website promotes scientific literacy in Oregon residents and encourages engagement with our state's most valuable asset—its natural resources. OregonFlora makes work for our agency more efficient by eliminating data silos and avoiding duplication of efforts across organizations. Please support this initiative.