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Wildfire  
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Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water:

My name is Yianni Doulis, and I am a farmer and resident of Sauvie Island just north of Portland. I am writing today to support SB 747. It is important that we do everything we can to control the groundwater contamination in sensitive areas. Groundwater Management Areas have already been designated by the state as having dangerous levels of contaminants. Not only does this hurt the people living here, taking away their assurance of clean drinking water, but it also impacts the environment and wildlife in the area, and threatens the ability of land to remain productive. This bill has been carefully crafted to apply to farms with 200 acres or more, who likely already track their fertilizer application, and it is not an enforcement or penalty bill. This is simply to make sure ODA has the information to advise farmers on programs and best practices that would help them not only protect water quality but save money on inputs.

We know that farmers are experts on their fields and should already have detailed plans for fertilizer application. This bill is to make sure that farmers have all the information they need to make decisions for their farms and ecosystems and get them better access to ODA technical assistance based on real data.

This personally impacts me for several reasons:

- I use well water from an aquifer that is sensitive to farm fertilizer mismanagement.
- My livelihood would be impacted by the loss or degradation of water quality, both from a business standpoint and from a health and well-being standpoint
- I currently use no synthetic fertilizers, and manage my application of organic amendments very carefully, while at the same time being vulnerable to others' lack of planning and poor decision making

It is all of our responsibility to protect our water. This is not something that we can take lightly and it makes sense to require more reporting in sensitive areas. Please pass SB 747.

Thank you,

Yianni Doulis  
Wild Goose Farm  
Owner