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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB747

My name is Dawn Rostad and I am a Farmer at Clackamas Community College within the Organic Farming Certificate Program in Oregon City. I am writing today to support SB747. It is so important that we do everything we can to control groundwater contamination in sensitive areas. Groundwater management areas have already been designated by the state as having dangerous levels of contamination. It hurts everyone involved to have contaminated water, wildlife and people. This bill has been carefully crafted to apply to only farms with more than 200 acres, who likely already track what they are applying and spraying, 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 protect water quality and also save money on inputs.

Farmers are the experts in the field and have detailed fertilizer application plans in place. This bill is to makes 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 because my farm relies on clean drinking water to wash produce from our farm and to use within our household. We also are on a drainage area and the contamination of that water area would kill the wildlife near our farm and would directly affect the whole area.

It is all of our responsibility to protect our water. It is something that should be important to everyone. Please pass SB747.

Thank You,

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