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Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy and Members of the
Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources

The Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District is a local government that serves all of the people in Clackamas County, urban and rural, in providing conservation technical services, access to funding, and educational workshops. Part of that mission includes securing funding to implement projects on working lands that support agricultural and forestry as well as habitat and stream restoration.

OWEB continues to be an effective and responsive grant administrator for programs important to soil and water conservation districts. Current additional programs that provide support for SWCDs' work but were not included in the Governor's budget include funding for natural climate solutions on natural and working lands and funds available for OWEB's role in distributing funds under the Oregon vs. Monsanto settlement.

We urge this Committee to support the following POPs that will allow OWEB to continue to support grant programs and deliver conservation outcomes across the state:

- **POP 090:** the portion that supports a \$5 million investment in the Natural and Working Lands fund to continue additional work under the program; and
- **POP 107 & POP 108:** staffing capacity and continuity to support OWEB's positions for the Environmental Restoration Council to distribute the Monsanto settlement.

Thank you for your support for these programs.

Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District

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