



February 18, 2026

Re: Support of Terrebonne Sanitary District's Community Initiated Project Funding Request

Dear Senators Wyden and Merkley,

This letter is in support of the Terrebonne Sanitary District Community Initiated Project (CIP) funding request for \$2,400,000.

Terrebonne is entirely dependent on antiquated onsite septic systems. Consequently, small lots coupled with shallow soil conditions threaten existing residences and businesses. In 2003, the Terrebonne Sanitary District was formed in response to this ongoing crisis. Numerous entities including Deschutes County, City of Redmond, Oregon Department of Transportation, and the District collaborated to develop and integrate a sanitary collection system for Terrebonne with wastewater ultimately being treated at a City of Redmond wastewater treatment facility. The Terrebonne STEP Collection System construction is anticipated to begin in Spring of 2027 if grant funding is secured.

Grant assistance will reduce construction and onsite costs, lower connection fees and monthly rates, and encourage early adoption. Supporting this project will create opportunities for residential development, facilitate affordability for property owners, and strengthen the long-term financial sustainability of the system.

Thank you for your consideration.

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