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The Honorable Margaret Carter, Co-Chair Ways and Means Committee
The Honorable Peter Buckley, Co-Chair Ways and means Committee
900 Court St. NE., S-201
Salem, OR, 97301

Re: Support for Water Quality Program Package
Restore Onsite Septic System Program (#166)

Dear Senator Carter and Representative Buckley,

Infiltrator Systems Inc. is the nation's largest manufacturer of products used in onsite septic systems. Our septic system leaching chambers, manufactured primarily of recycled plastic, are widely used in Oregon septic systems in accordance with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regulations. These products are typically sold by small businesses in Oregon such as plumbing supply houses and pre-cast concrete product manufacturers.

I am writing to request your support of increased fees to fund DEQ review and approval of new or modified onsite septic system products as described in the Onsite Septic System Program (#166) narrative. Manufacturers of onsite septic products are willing to pay more to support additional staffing in order to expedite the review and approval of safe and effective onsite systems. Without the DEQ review and approval, our products cannot be sold in Oregon.

Your support of the restoration of DEQ onsite septic system program staff (funded by increased fees) is respectfully requested. As new and modified onsite products are reviewed and approved, home builders and citizens facing onsite system repairs have more options. These additional options create increased competition thus lowering the cost of safe and effective onsite systems. Please feel free to call me at (860)577-7106 if we can provide any additional information regarding this important issue.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Vicki Walker, Co-Chair, Ways and Means, Natural Resources
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