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House Committee on Natural Resources:

Chair, Representative Brad Witt Vice-Chair, Representative Chris Gorsek Vice-Chair, Representative Sherrie Sprenger Member, Representative Greg Barreto Member, Representative Caddy McKeown Member, Representative Jeff Reardon Member, Representative David Brock Smith

RE: HB 2829 re Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund (OCRF) HB 2834-2 (Wildlife Corridor Action Plan)

Dear Chair Witt, Vice-Chairs Gorsek and Sprenger, and Members of the Committee:

I understand there is to be a work session tomorrow (March 28th) on HB 2829 and HB 2834-2. I respectfully request that this letter of comment be entered into the public record.

I am enthusiastically in support of House Bill 2829, which establishes the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund, and which appropriates General Fund money to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). I also support House Bill 2834-2, which calls for a scientifically-based Wildlife Corridor Action Plan to preserve habitat connectivity for wildlife. Both are long-overdue, and would make a significant positive difference to Oregon's rich fish and wildlife heritage.

Thank you for considering my comments on these important bills. I strongly urge you to approve them.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kailey Kornhauser, Analyst for the House Committee on Natural Resources Greg Mintz, Legislative Director, Office of Representative Ken Helm