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To: Senate Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources (senr.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov)

Subject: Support for HB 2834 – Wildlife Corridor and Safe Road Crossing Plan

Dear Chair Dembrow and Committee Members,

This is a letter in support of HB 2834. We are landowners in the Colestin Valley in Southern Oregon living near the intersection of the Klamath Mountains and the Cascade Mountains that is an important corridor for movement of plants and animals between two very diverse mountain regions. We are committed to natural resources conservation as evidenced by placing our 170 acres of land in a conservation easement with the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy. On a regular basis we are reminded of the importance of protecting wildlife corridors as we witness the effects of Interstate 5 through this essential habitat. In this time of climate change we know that it is essential for species to move to new locations to be able to survive. We applaud your efforts to implement this important bill.

Sincerely,

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