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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB812

Chairman Jeff Golden  
Committee on Natural Resources  
Oregon State Senate  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: OPPOSE OR SB 812

Dear Chairman Golden and Committee:

I understand the reasoning behind restricting operating Unmanned Aircraft Systems in the parks of our state. However, a blanket prohibition is a sledgehammer approach and does not take into account the many years of safe operations we, the members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, have amassed in enjoying a recreation opportunity which is so essential in bringing in young people interested in aeronautics who go on to meaningful careers and years of enjoyment.

I am Treasurer of the Bend Aero Modelers, an AMA-chartered organization with the backing of a \$2.5 million liability policy to cover members. We have our own airstrip about 15 miles out in the desert, and do not encourage flights at other locations, but please consider scaling back SB 812 to only specific areas in parks where UAV flights could harm wildlife. I draw a distinction between BAM's average member, who flies remote control model aircraft, rather than the drone operators who have been causing so many problems worldwide. We are a responsible group who support safe operations and request that a more targeted approach be considered in this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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