

Submitter: Jeffrey Chase

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3464

Greetings House Committee,

I am a sixth generation farmer in the South Willamette Valley. My forefathers came in 1852 and farmed this land and we have continued to farm ever since.

We have a hazelnut orchard that consists of thousands of young trees. They are all susceptible to beaver damage. I have lost several trees to beavers and am at risk of losing many more. Beavers can do a lot of damage in a short amount of time.

Beavers used to be heavily trapped and there were many predators to beavers that kept the populations in check. We don't have the trapping of beavers or the predators like before. The people who utilize the land for their livelihoods are the best equipped to make decisions on when the populations are out of control or not. We don't need more unelected unaccountable bureaucrats making management decisions about our lands. The true scientists are the people who watch and manage them every day of their lives. We love the land and the wildlife and we are more than capable of making management decisions. The government needs to stay out of it. Everything the government touches turns to shit.

Look at our forest lands. What a disaster!

Vote no!!!

Thank you for your time.