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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB3202

Dear Legislators,

I hope to count on your support of the Night Skies bill, HB 3202, in order to protect our ecosystem against the damages caused by light pollution.

Many other states have taken such steps already. Nocturnal animals are dependent upon uninterrupted nighttime hours, and behavioral changes stemming from over-illumination can have effects on humans' ecosystem as well.

It is easier to protect Oregon's night skies while we still have them than to try to restore them once they are gone.

It seems everyone is buying the brightest LED's and randomly putting them in every fixture they have, indoor and outdoor. My neighbors have done so with their interior lights which pollute my 1 acre yard with unwanted light pollution. LED is great for saving \$\$ and energy but a little goes a long way. Outdoor lighting is way too easy to abuse, regarding protection of Dark Skys and causing glare bomb hazards. Legislation to protect our dark sky where it still exists is needed before it is too late. All life depends on it.

Please support HB 3202 to protect our dark sky. Thank you.

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