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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB3202

IN SUPPORT OF HB 3202

I regularly go in the evening and sometimes at night to go looking for the many diverse species of owls. I also am an avid astrophotographer taking pictures of the wonders above us. Both hobbies require truly dark skies. Birds especially can be confused by bright illumination at night causing them to crash or be misguided during their migration.

I hope to count on your support of the Night Skies bill, HB 3202, which seeks to mitigate the detrimental effects of light pollution on our environment.

Many other states have taken such steps already. This bill helps prevent birds and nocturnal animals from being adversely affected by over-illumination, as well as the effects on our own health and safety.

It's easier to protect our night skies while they're still here than to try to repair them after they are gone!

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