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Committee Chair Helm and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land  
Use, Natural Resources, and Water,  
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Subject: Support for HB 4148 - Omnibus Wildlife Bill

Dear Chair Helm and Committee Members,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Oregon and an ardent supporter of environmental conservation efforts. I wish to express my strong support for HB 4148, the Omnibus Wildlife Bill, which is set to have its first hearing in front of your esteemed committee on February 6th. This groundbreaking legislation represents a significant step forward in our collective efforts to protect Oregon's rich biodiversity and natural heritage.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Representative Helm for introducing this vital piece of legislation. Your leadership and commitment to preserving our environment for future generations are commendable. HB 4148's comprehensive approach to wildlife conservation is precisely what Oregon needs to tackle the pressing challenges our wildlife and ecosystems face.

The four key components of this bill - reducing wildlife conflicts, halting the spread of invasive species, minimizing wildlife-vehicle collisions, and effectively responding to wildlife disease outbreaks - are critical areas that require immediate and focused attention. By addressing these issues, HB 4148 not only aims to protect wildlife but also safeguards the interests of our communities and the natural landscapes that define our state.

I am particularly supportive of the Wildlife Coexistence Package, a testament to Oregon's proactive stance on promoting harmony between humans and wildlife. This package is crucial for ensuring that as our state continues to grow, we do so in a

manner that respects and preserves the delicate balance of our ecosystems.

Investing in measures to prevent wildlife conflicts, control invasive species, and create safer passages for animals across our roads is not only wise but essential. These actions will help maintain biodiversity, support ecological resilience, and enhance the quality of life for all Oregonians.

As someone deeply invested in the well-being of Oregon's wildlife, I urge you and your colleagues to pass HB 4148. This legislation represents a forward-thinking approach to conservation, one that recognizes the interconnectedness of our environment, wildlife, and human communities.

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of HB 4148. I am confident that with your support, we can make significant strides in protecting our state's natural beauty and wildlife for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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