Submitter: Matt McElligott

On Behalf OCA and self

Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and

Water

Measure: HB4061

I support passage of HB 4061. As a rancher in Eastern Oregon, I incur damage by elk on my private property annually, from damage to infrastructure, such as torn down fences to loss of forage. Elk numbers have increased and their use of private lands for winter forage and safe refuge have increased.

Please strongly consider passage of this bill to offset private property owner's losses.