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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3143

I am writing in support of HB 3143. As someone who has been evacuated five times, I value the role that beavers play in enhancing fire resiliency. Beaver habitats also help mitigate climate change through:

- recharging groundwater
- creating climate refugia for other species
- improving water quality and
- supporting healthy habitat for salmon

Trapping has been shown to not be effective as another beaver will move in unless the wetland habitat too severely degrades in their absence.

Grant funds will provide more permanent, effective and non-lethal mitigation solutions for landowners.

Please support beaver recovery in Oregon by supporting HB 3143.

Thank you.

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