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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2978

Co-Chair Owens and Help, Vice-Chair McDonald, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support HB 2978.

The car I was driving I was hit by a deer on highway 20 (reportedly the most deadly stretch in the State). I ended up injured and needed surgery and spent a long time expensively rehabilitating from my injuries and concussion. I had been extremely healthy until then. Brad, my love, also had a deer-car collision same stretch of highway.

Wildlife crossings are highly effective and Oregon needs more crossing structures. HB 2978 and an option for permanent state-level funding to support wildlife crossing initiatives will:

Improve the safety of Oregon's roadways

Remove barriers to wildlife

Make Oregon more competitive in capturing federal funding

Please build on the important progress at the state legislature over the past five years by passing HB 2978.

Sincerely,
Karen Kassy