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

I strongly support HB 2978 because for too long we have been killing wildlife and causing severe accidents on our roadways. I saw a dead bear once on Interstate 5 and it really made me sick to know that unless you are directly involved in a wildlife killing you do not care much about improving our roads to accommodate their safe crossing. Wildlife crossings are highly effective when properly sited and maintained 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 and reducing animal-vehicle accidents.

Sincerely, John Livingston