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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.

Wildlife crossings are a win-win for humans and wildlife. We reduce the risk of collisions between cars and wildlife and prevent injuries and deaths on both sides. Our roadways have fragmented wildlife habitats greatly, and we have an obligation as humans to undo the harm it has caused to the animals that depend on this land to survive. Passing HB 2978 is a no-brainer.

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,
Shaelynn Davis