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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.

It breaks my heart anytime I see an accident involving wildlife, and of course at night, I drive in fear of not seeing a deer or cow in time as I use the Santiam and Hood/Government Camp passes often. I worry especially driving through the BLM land near the Warm Springs reservation. But I also know that the corridor between Bend and Sisters up to Santiam is a very bloody corridor in the state. So unnecessary.

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,  
Sarah Haavind