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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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Dear Honorable Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and the Environment:

Thank you for your service to Oregon and all who call this land home. In that, includes our vulnerable and often misunderstood wildlife. There is little need to outline the impact of climate change and loss of habitat on wildlife, and the expanding human population and use of land to develop housing, as this is clear and evident and should be so to each of you by now. There never has been a greater need to educate the greater population about how to coexist with our wildlife who call Oregon home. I observe on the NextDoor app many comments about coyotes and cougars, and so many are misinformed and quick to suggest lethal actions. To both keep people safe and to keep the wildlife safe, factual information needs to be shared from ODFW. We NEED this Wildlife Stewardship Program desperately and immediately.

Thank you.

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