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On Behalf Of: HB 3143  
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Resources, and Water  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3143

Greetings,

Passage of the Beaver Beliver Bill in 2023 marked a significant role in recognizing the importance of beavers in natural habitats. Through dams created along stream channels, these creatures enhance water storage and help to mitigate the impacts of wildfires and drought, let alone enhance riparian habitats which so many other species rely upon. This bill removed the predatory status of the State emblem and now requires that landowners consider nonlethal methods to deal with beaver conflicts or obtain a lethal removal permit.

Unfortunately, this bill did not have funding attached to it, so that landowners can find information or technical assistance to deal with these issues. HB 3143 would establish a fund for organizations like Think Wild or other wildlife services organizations to provide that technical assistance to landowners and to promote nonlethal alternatives. This funding would allow for landowners to comply with the Beaver Believer Bill and to enhance partnerships between wildlife agencies and wildlife organizations while benefitting both the beavers and the landowners.

I urge you to support HB 3143 and allow for these amazing creatures to thrive in their environments.

Sincerely,  
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