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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2978

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

Thank you for your service to Oregonians and your concern for land use! I strongly support HB 2978 and encourage you to move this bill forward. Many times I have seen deer struck by vehicles by the side of the road, and have had deer jump in front of me while driving on Highway 20. Deer strikes often total cars and cause injuries to the driver and passengers too.

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 safety on Oregon's roadways

Enable wildlife to follow their ancient migration routes

Make Oregon more competitive in capturing federal funding

Please work to pass HB 2978.

Sincerely,  
Cara Ross Berman