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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.

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 -- I have had one collision with deer on US20 not far from Sisters.

Enable wildlife to follow their ancient migration routes -- we see elk near home!

I have admired diverse wildlife near these crossings in the Canadian Rockies, with my teenage children in awe of the sights!

All the more impressive, the crossings are spectacular achievements of construction, and beautiful to look at!

Make Oregon more competitive in capturing federal funding.

Please work to pass HB 2978.

Sincerely,