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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2978

Dear Members of the Committee,

I fully support wildlife overpasses along all major roadways and am eager to see HB2978 move forward for the safety of motorists, cyclists, and wildlife.

Besides clearly reducing vehicle-wildlife accidents, wildlife overpasses have the added benefits of beautifying a highway when done right and breaking up the monotony of a long drive, both of which add to the safety benefits to both humans and wildlife by enhancing driver awareness: Have you ever been tired after a long drive to the point that everything looks the same and maybe you weren't quite as alert as you should be? We all have been there and not everyone is good about pulling over and stopping, especially on narrow highways with no rest stops.

I won't belabor the same points about historic migration routes, etc that many others have already pointed out quite eloquently but just wanted to say, please make this bill a priority.

Thank you,
Leslie O'Neil