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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 issues. I am writing to state my strong support for HB 2978 and to encourage to move this bill forward. Anyone who drives the roads of Oregon has either unintentionally hit, or nearly hit wildlife. As urban areas continue to grow and vehicular traffic increases, these unfortunate conflicts will only get worse. Wildlife crossings are highly effective and Oregon needs more crossing structures. HB 2978 provides . an option for permanent state-level funding to support wildlife crossings. This bill will:

Improve safety on Oregon's roadways;

Enable wildlife to follow their ancient migration routes, and

Make Oregon more competitive in capturing federal funding.

Please work to pass HB 2978. Thank you,

Shari Harris-Dunning