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On Behalf Of:

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Dear Oregon Legislature,

I am a native Oregonian, and almost all of my family lives in Oregon. During my lifetime the human population of Oregon has doubled. But our culture is so intimately tied to the land,

the waters, and the wildlife that also call our State home. Some of my greatest memories with my Uncles and cousins were camping, hiking, and experiencing wildlife and wildlands. Now, I share those qualities with my children. And I want it to go on like that into the future, even as population grows, and the pressure on wildlife and their habitat also grow.

I strongly support this Bill. It feels like a very "Oregon" thing to do. We know that sharing our lives with wildlife means taking care of the habitat and the species that call those places home.

Please pass this bill.

Thank you, David Mildrexler, PhD