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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Co-Chair Gorsek and McLain and Co-Vice Chairs Starr and Davis and Members of the Committee:

I am have lived in Central Oregon for nearly 50 years and have witnessed first hand the slaughter of wildlife on our highways, and the loss and human lives as well as injuries and damaged vehicles. The cost is well over \$100 million every year, and, of course, lives cannot be replaced. . I have also witnessed these past few years the miracle of the underpasses created at the north and south entrances of Sunriver and fencing along Highway 97 that have worked so very well to prevent these tragedies.

Oregon lags well behind other states in providing the lifesaving wildlife crossings that are proven to work. Funding for these critical projects should be stable and adequate to help remedy the wildlife and human traffic conflict. Wildlife quickly learn how to use the crossings and have no real choice but to follow their traditional migration paths and face collision with vehicles unless Oregonians do the right thing and provide them with safe crossings.

I urge you to protect our communities and our wildlife by supporting HB 3362.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to Oregon n the legislature.

Sincerely, Carol Lemley