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Hi, I would like to express my support of Senate Bill 1131 that helps provide funding for Chintimini Wildlife Center in Corvallis, Oregon. Chintimini provides surgery, rehab and other veterinary care for injured wildlife from the immediate area of and surrounding Corvallis, but they work with other wildlife rehab groups in western and central Oregon.

Over time, their patient load of wild animals has increased but they are having budget shortfalls despite having a local donor base and putting on public fundraising events. My Wife and I have been financial donors for over 20 years and we're already donating about as much as we can afford since we donate to other wildlife organizations as well.

For over 20 years my Wife and I have taken a variety of wild animals including Scrub Jays, bats, and chickadees and were notified about their recovery and helped in their release. We have also called many times and gotten advice on dealing with injured wildlife and how to bring into their center or how to capture and contain the animals in order to bring into Chintimini. Chintimini maintains a "Wildlife Hotline" for such purposes with an answering service that picks up calls when the staff are too busy to answer the phone and the staff are good about calling back as soon as possible.

Chintimini deals with injured deer, elk, skunks, vultures, eagles, owls, ospreys, bobcats, cougars, coyotes, foxes and other wild animals.

Chintimini has good community outreach working with kids, schools, open-house events, and public education in general and are pretty transparent about what they do.

Thanks.