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To: House Committee On Climate, Energy and Environment
Chairman Representative John Lively and Members
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The Vocal Seniority is an Indivisible group in Bend that numbers over 600 people in its membership. One of their primary concerns is the environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for HB 3932. We believe we should be doing all we can to support a thriving beaver population in the state. The benefits they create are many. They help with flood control, trap sediments to help stream water quality, improve flows later in the summer, aid efforts to improve salmon, steelhead and trout habitats, improve riparian and wetland areas, increase bird and wildlife habitats..... the list goes on and on. One thing that is rarely mentioned is that the benefits they create are done for free as opposed to paying for efforts to replicate them by agencies and other sources. It's a win-win situation. In an era when wildlife are suffering the impacts of climate change, one thing we can do to help is to protect a keystone species like this that has such a profound positive impact on the environment.

This legislation would prevent trapping in areas that have impaired water quality. It's an important step in the right direction. We urge you to support HB 3932.

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