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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Dear Chair Rep. Lively, Rep. Vice-Chair Gamba, Rep. Vice-Chair Levy and members of the committee,

I lived on a farm in Virginia for 18 years. When beavers moved into our ponds, the ponds did not dry out in the summer, and we had less flooding in the winter. Wildlife and fish flourished.

We learned easy effective ways to keep culverts open.

I urge you to support HB 3932 to allow beavers to improve watershed health, protect water quality and help restore Oregon's impaired waterways for free. We now know the benefits of beavers as ecosystem engineers. Let's allow this keystone species to continue to provide benefits to watersheds by preventing lethal removal on public lands where they live on water quality impaired waterways.

Thank you for your consideration.

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