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On Behalf Of:

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As a volunteer with The Wetlands Conservancy and ONDA, I'm writing in support of HB 3932. One of the most important ecosystem services that beavers provide is in addressing water quality issues. Based on the DEQ's current data, the primary factors for a waterway to be deemed impaired are: high water temperature, sedimentation, dissolved oxygen level, bio-criteria (health of invertebrates and shellfish) toxins (along the coast). Scientific research and literature has shown that beaver dam complexes and floodplains help to address four of these top five factors - they are nature's solution, and they tackle these issues free of charge.

Removing beavers is counter-productive to Oregon's waterway health. Let beavers be beavers. Support HB 3932.

Best,
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