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On Behalf Of:

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Dear Legislators,

As a retired middle school science teacher I remember teaching about the critical members of ecosystems, the plants and animals that hold it all together. Beavers, especially in the Beaver State, are ecosystem engineers who create pools for young fish, amphibians and other mammals. Without our beavers, many of our waterways would be like man-made canals that overflow in winter and run dry in summer. As a teacher, I was so sad to see the shock and sorrow when students would hear of beaver trappings (still happening!) and the oftentimes dislike or misunderstanding or under appreciation of this keystone species. Please protect them, for all of us.

Thank you,

Marie Carver