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Beavers are vital ecosystem engineers, that play an essential role in maintaining healthy watersheds. Their dams create and restore wetlands, improving water quality, increasing biodiversity, and providing natural climate resilience by mitigating droughts and floods. Protecting beavers ensures the health of our rivers and the countless species that depend on them, from fish to birds to amphibians. Being a citizen of Eugene, and Oregon in general the health of our flowing rivers is of great importance to me. In a time when we should increasingly be conscious of our precious fresh water capacity, beaver's are ready, willing, and chomping at the bit to do the good work of keeping our water healthy.

Allowing the continued trapping of beavers in sensitive areas undermines efforts to restore degraded habitats and safeguard water resources. This bill is a necessary step to align wildlife management with ecological science and long-term sustainability. I urge you to support this legislation to protect beavers and the critical ecosystem services they provide.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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