

Submitter: David Barta

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Chair Lively and committee members,

I write in support of this bill to limit the trapping of beavers so they can work their engineering magic on behalf of our forests, fish, and drinking water, not to mention themselves. In my life of spending decades in the wilderness I have come upon native beaver ponds, dams and houses only twice. Both times I was dumbstruck by the work they had done and the transition it had wrought on the surrounding area. What had once surely been a rocky riffle running down a canyon had become a verdant oasis. They are, indeed, engineering marvels. This bill will enable much more of their work to be done on all of our behalf. Please vote on the affirmative and send it on to the floor.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.