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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

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

I support HB3932, and for good reason.

We know that many of Oregon's streams are not in the best of health, and that beavers are excellent, low cost water quality engineers.

We have witnessed water quality diminish due to drought and forest fires. Beavers can help mitigate this damage.

This bill does not impact private land owners, and if a stream does improve the ODFW commission can change the rules affecting that stream.

This is a win, win for our streams, farmers and ranchers, wildlife that depend upon the streams and our forests.

And just for fun, let's add this fact. We are the Beaver State after all.

Thank you for your support,

Patrick Slabe