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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

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

In the last few years, I've become aware of the value of beavers and the ways they can assist humans in protecting rivers and other waterways. Their dam-building activities create ponds, wetlands, and diverse habitats. By digging canals, they help slow water flow and restore water tables in areas with poor water quality. I ask that you support HB 3932. This bill restricts hunting and trapping on public lands and would enable beavers to access waterways where they need to be and remain long enough to perform their ecosystem functions without getting trapped out. Please help protect these "ecosystem engineers."

Thank you,
Nancy Curtin