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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Natural Resources

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5009

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy, and Members of the Committee:

Please support full funding in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's budget (HB 5009) for the Private Forest Accord Grant Program. The Program should be fully funded at \$20M, which reflects the state's commitment of \$10M annually to this program under the PFA authorizing legislation from 2022 (SB 1501). This commitment is matched by a \$2.5M annual contribution from the timber industry, which increases to \$5M annually after federal approval of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). This program invests in restoration projects across the state to conserve and protect healthy habitat for fish, stream-dwelling amphibians, and other wildlife in forests adjacent to streams.

Thank you,  
Eileen Stark