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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2978

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support HB 2978-A.

Last month I had a high speed collision with a deer on a state highway in eastern Oregon. Weeks later, our vehicle is still in the shop for repairs estimated at \$5,000+. Fortunately we were driving a large pickup and were not injured. Sadly the deer was killed.

An abundance of data demonstrates that wildlife crossings are highly effective, and Oregon needs more crossing structures. HB 2978-A and an option for permanent state-level funding to support wildlife crossing initiatives will:

Improve the safety of Oregon's roadways

Remove barriers to wildlife

Make Oregon more competitive in capturing federal funding

Please build on the important progress at the state legislature over the past five years by passing HB 2978-A.

Thank you for your efforts and consideration.