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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 strongly support HB 2978-A.

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

Just yesterday I stood on the summit of Black Butte and was taken aback by the expanse of forest space that was divided by the highway - it served as a glaring reminder of the barrier the highway creates for wildlife and danger posed to both humans and wildlife.

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

Sincerely,
Janel