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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and

Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or

Topic:

HB2978

I am an Oregon resident urging you to support HB 2978-A.

Each year in Oregon, there are over 7,000 wildlife-vehicle collisions with large animals. On average, four people die and many are seriously injured.

Wildlife crossing structures are a proven, popular, and cost-effective way to improve public safety and restore habitat connectivity.

Oregon needs a permanent source of funding to implement state programs and projects to improve motorist and wildlife safety.

Permanent funding would protect our diverse wildlife populations, reduce wildlifevehicle collisions, and continue Oregon's tradition of environmental stewardship. Please protect both our wildlife and our communities by supporting HB 2978-A. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards, Stan Oliver, Bend, Oregon 97701