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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. I've been in a car that hit a large animal, that ran right in front of our car. It was the scariest moment of my life! I thought I was going to die. I was very lucky, the way we hit the animal, resulted in it not going through the windshield and we were OK. I would like to prevent this from happening to myself again and anyone else!

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.

Sincerely, Cheryl Heinrichs