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On Behalf Of:	
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I am writing this in opposition of the bill proposing the ban on beaver trapping. Trapping is a scientifically proven management tool. This tool keeps the animals in check to allow for healthy populations to thrive, not overpopulate and and not spread disease. There are no scientific basis that prove that stopping trapping will benefit the population of beaver.

Beaver also can cause detrimental impacts to both public and private lands, including change the routes and damaging streams that are native spawning grounds to endangered and threatened fish species.

This proposal does not provide any information on the current harvest of beaver throughout the state, nor does it provide any information on a management goal for beaver populations.

This proposal is not about improving, saving or benefitting beaver, but is about stopping trapping. Please utilize scientific based information to manage our wildlife, not emotionally motivated platforms.