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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Dear Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire,

HB 3932 would go far to protect and enhance water quality in the state of Oregon. With over 122,000 miles of rivers and streams classified as "impaired," these waters do not meet water quality standards for drinking, recreation, or aquatic life. Help is desperately needed. Beavers can address these issue through the dams and wetlands that they create. These beaver-created habitats filter water and drop stream temperatures. Struggling fish populations would benefit from expanded habitats and lowered temperatures which are becoming increasingly lethal during the summer months. Ungulates and countless other critters would also benefit—including struggling mule deer populations. Beaver wetlands also create natural firebreaks, and provide refuge for wildlife during wildfires.

This visionary bill is a win-win for human and wild communities.

-Adam Bronstein
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