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

Dear Committee Members; as an active outdoor enthusiast, fisherman, and beneficiary of our natural world I have been fortunate to witness first hand, the many attributes of the beaver. The science is very clear on how beavers contribute positively to our water quality and our environment. They are, in fact, an essential keystone element of a healthy ecosystem.

This bill is NOT about limiting beaver harvest or increasing population. Rather, it is about using a natural resource to perform restorative work (for free) in areas where they are desperately needed. I have volunteered with ONDA and the Deschutes Land Trust and witnessed the magic this gift from Nature can work. Please give the beaver, our waterways, and our environment a leg up and support this bill.

Sincerely,
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