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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke, Vice-Chair Walters and members of the Committee,

These days it seems that the environment is relentlessly under attach, The Trump administration has declared an all out war on our natural resources and now more than ever states and individuals have to step up in defense. I am writing to urge you to support HB 2977, a bill to secure long-term, dedicated funding to recover Oregon's most imperiled fish, wildlife, and habitats.

I moved to Oregon a couple of years ago from Texas...this is an incredibly special place; home to a diverse array of flora, fauna, and the habitats that support them. Unfortunately, climate change and other natural and human-made impacts put their future at risk.

I am astounded by the number of parks and the sheer beauty of our open spaces. There are nearly 300 species of greatest conservation need and 11 habitats of conservation concern. To combat this - and ensure all species thrive in Oregon - we need bold, proactive investments in their recovery.

HB 2977 would do just that by providing a steady, sustainable source of funds to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to recover Oregon's most imperiled species and habitat and enhance biodiversity - all of which contribute to Oregon's tourism and outdoor recreation economy.

Please support "1% for Wildlife" by passing HB 2977 today.

Sincerely, Germana de Falco