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My name is Dustin Galipeau, and I'm a lifelong resident of Bend, Oregon and the owner of a local dead animal removal service, permitted by ODFW. I'm writing in strong support of HB 3932, which would prohibit beaver trapping and hunting in impaired waterways on public lands.

In my work, I see the consequences of human-wildlife conflict and habitat degradation every day. As Oregon's population and recreation use grow, so does the pressure on our wildlife and natural resources. I also spend time volunteering on habitat restoration projects, and I've seen just how important beavers are to stream health and water availability. They're a natural solution to many of the issues we face—erosion, drought, degraded fish habitat—and yet they continue to be removed from the very places they're needed most. It's frustrating to watch valuable public and private investments in beaver habitat restoration go to waste due to a lack of protective policy.

HB 3932 is a practical, science-based solution. It doesn't ban trapping altogether—it simply protects beavers on impaired public waterways where their benefits are most needed. I urge you to support this bill and make sure Oregon's investments in habitat restoration have a chance to succeed.