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On Behalf Of: Gash Gold Vermilion Natural Resources Consulting
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-chair Bonham, and members of the Senate Committee on Rules,

I own and operate a small natural resources consulting company and also serve as an elected director of a soil and water conservation district. In these roles, I have witnessed the importance of state programs to help protect and restore habitat in Oregon. My views expressed here reflect those of me and my consulting company and not of any other organization for which I serve.

I support HB 2977 for the following reasons:

- Provides funding to protect and recover wildlife species at risk, including acorn woodpeckers, great gray owls, and the western meadowlark (our state bird).
- Will help control invasive species that now threaten wildlife habitat, forests, and rangeland across the state.
- Helps fund the wolf depredation compensation program.

Thank you for the chance to comment, and thank you for your service to Oregon.

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