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Thank you for considering my testimony. I live on the outskirts of Hillsboro in an area that is rich with wildlife. Multiple times, I have found injured animals such as skunks, opossums, and racoons ... animals that are often harmed by humans (poison, cars, etc.). Chintimini is one of the FEW refuges and rehabs that accept ALL animals here in Oregon. They provide life-saving support, services, and educational resources. However, Chintimini cannot do everything for the state. We are at a critical juncture where we have the capacity to extend compassion to ALL residents of this state, including our scaled, feathered, and four-legged citizens.