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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

I write to urge Senators to SUPPORT HB2977 which passed in the Oregon House with strong bipartisan support. This bill would provide critical, long-overdue funding for protecting Oregon's native wildlife, restoring habitats, reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions, and supporting efforts to help people and wildlife coexist. HB 2977 proposes a modest funding solution: raising the statewide lodging tax by just 1.25 percent. Oregon's lodging tax is currently one of the lowest in the country, just \$1.25 per \$100 - what Republican co-sponsor Representative Mark Owens called "less than a cup of coffee." Please vote YES on HB2977! Thank you.