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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and  
Water

Measure: HB2999

Dear House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water  
Members:

I am writing to urge you to vote in support of HB2999. I live in Bend. I frequently driven the highways between Medford and Bend and often early morning, early evening or at night. I have had several close calls with nearly hitting wildlife. It's the scariest stretch we drive. I have seen the deer come out of nowhere many times, luckily, I have not hit one. I am not only worried about me, my car and my family, I worry about the wildlife's safety. Passage of HB2999 is a great step in improving safety for wildlife and motorists. We need wildlife connected habitat, we need wildlife corridors, and passages for wildlife to go under or over major roads. I have seen these in so many other states and countries, they work.

With climate change, population and urban growth resulting in habitat loss and road development, our wildlife needs more help to keep their populations healthy. For these reasons I urge you to strongly support HB2999 and I would ask that you pass it in the 2023 legislative session.

Thank you for your work!

Julia Howland