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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB2999

Testimony in support of HB 2999

Dear Chair Helm, Vice-Chairs Hartman and Owens, and Honorable Members of the
Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2999.

Across Oregon, the combined effects of development, roads, climate change, and
human activity are taking a toll on both wildlife and their habitat. HB 2999 would
provide important support to help address wildlife habitat connectivity and motorist
safety concerns across the state by:

- Strengthening the Oregon Department of Transportation's program to reduce
wildlife-vehicle collisions and implement mitigation projects.
- Allocating \$5 million to support on-the-ground work to reconnect wildlife
corridors, building upon previous investments by the legislature.
- Improving Oregon's ability to compete for the unprecedented federal funding
currently available through the IJJA Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program and other federal
grant programs.

For these reasons I strongly support HB 2999 and ask that you pass HB 2999 during
the 2023 legislative session.

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