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On Behalf
Of:

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Water

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STATEMENT OF THE FRIENDS OF MALHEUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE IN
SUPPORT OF OREGON HOUSE BILL 3222

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As a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the protection and enhancement of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, the Friends of Malheur NWR wishes to register its strong support for Oregon House Bill 3222.

The bill in question provides financial support for the High Desert Partnership, a voluntary association of private individuals, governmental organizations, and non-profits that provides a critical venue for all these interests to work together for the benefit of the region's natural and human systems. Currently, this cooperation expresses itself in six collaborative programs focusing on wetlands, wildfire, restoration, conservation planning, community, and opportunity. Each of these efforts brings together divergent interests, an approach that not only produces practical results but also enhances community in the Harney Basin.

In summary, the Friends of Malheur NWR, an organization with over 1,000 active members, strongly urges the Oregon House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water to endorse HB 3222. It is hard to imagine a better use of State funds.

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