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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural  
Resources

Measure: SB5509

I am requesting that you please restore the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package to the ODFW Budget. This funding package was developed by a 2022 task force that included ODFW staff and commissioners, conservation groups, animal welfare groups, wildlife rehabilitators, and Oregon State Police. The Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package would add critically important capacity at ODFW to promote wildlife stewardship, humanely resolve human-wildlife conflicts, engage new audiences in wildlife conservation including historically marginalized populations, and support wildlife rehabilitation programs.

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The Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package is critically important to ensuring that ODFW has the resources to protect Oregon's wildlife by promoting wildlife stewardship, engaging communities in conservation, advancing humane solutions when wildlife conflicts occur, and expanding resources to respond to sick and injured wildlife.

Thank you.