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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3464

Dear Committee Members,

As an Oregonian who has lived both on farms and in urban spaces, I support the proposed changes to the classification of beavers. Wildlife biologists are best suited to managing beaver populations, an animal that provides a host of ecosystem services. Beavers help recharge ground water, sequester carbon, and create healthy habitat for salmon. I am also submitting a report out of California detailing the benefits of beavers in a state severely feeling the impacts of a changing climate and outlining examples of ways that farmers can co-exist with beavers. There are many resources and tools available to farmers to help them co-exist successfully with beavers.

Thank you for considering this important bill!

Sincerely,

Ashley Chesser