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On Behalf
Of:

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

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Please restore the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package to the ODFW Budget. I am a volunteer for the Wildlife Center of the North Coast in the Astoria, Oregon area. I am also a community member and Indigenous tribal person with a strong connection to the land and its wildlife. The Wildlife Center of the North Coast provides critical rescue, rehabilitation and release services that promote conservation and ecological resilience to our beautiful Oregon coast animals and land. The Center also provides structure, space and expertise for educational opportunities to expand knowledge of wildlife coexistence to young people and surrounding communities. They have a significant need for more support and resources to maintain and grow their important work. Our wild forests, beaches and creatures are what Oregon is known for around the world. This funding package is vital to honoring our reputation as a state, advancing our development of wildlife coexistence structures, and celebrating the land and the lives it nurtures. Thank you!