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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB3202

Please vote YES on H.B. 3202 (the Night Skies Protection bill) in order to help improve wildlife welfare, human health, and our environment generally.

Each year I notice it is getting more difficult to watch the stars and listen for night-migrating geese and other birds. I've quit going to see asteroids, stars, and meteor showers. And, when I drive at night I am amazed at how much light is in the sky, it's like it is never dark even in wintertime. Have you taken a night trip on a plane lately and looked out the window? Businesses must waste an enormous amount of money on lights that light up into the sky for no reason.

Unnecessary and excessive outdoor artificial light at night imperils migrating birds, disrupts ecosystem functions, interferes with human safety, wastes money and energy, contributes to climate change, and damages dark sky tourism.

Behavioral and hormonal changes in animals due to over-illumination can have far-reaching effects on public health as well.

This is not a new concept, and in fact other states have already implemented such measures.

Please protect our night skies!

Thank you

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