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

To the Oregon Legislature:

I am writing to urge your support of HB 3202, which seeks to mitigate the detrimental effects of light pollution on our environment.

Oregon just approved a dark sky preserve near Pendleton and the Oregon Star Party is considered one of the best in the US due to very dark skies which are very rare anymore. Proliferation of LED and unshielded lights by municipalities and individuals has made the night sky another victim of "progress." The effect on nocturnal animals is only to drive them further and further out of human range and reduce their numbers further and impede scientific research.

It is difficult for most people to understand that dark skies can be an asset and they really do not need to have the night lit up like a continual Christmas show. Not to mention the huge energy savings in an area where we are trying to reduce carbon and combat climate change.

It does not seem that this is such a difficult concept and it certainly is a money saving one.

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