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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB4014

Chair Marsh, Committee Members:

I am writing to urge you to support HB 4014, the Landowners Living with Beavers Grant Program.

As stated in the preamble, this Bill will enable private landowners to encourage beaver, co-exist with them, and benefit from the positive impact of beaver on the landscape in terms of water retention, riparian health, biodiversity, and wildfire resistance.

By subsidizing the landowners' cost of adjusting to the changes and effects to his agricultural land-use by beavers, and thus encouraging the presence of beaver populations on private land, Oregon is showing foresight and flexibility in adapting to climate change.

This grant program will be money well spent.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Bill.