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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and  
Water

Measure: HB4148

Dear Representative Helms,

I am writing to express my strong support for your recently introduced House Bill 4148, the Omnibus Wildlife Bill. I commend you for taking this important step towards protecting Oregon's diverse wildlife, environment, and the people who call this state home.

The four key components of HB 4148 address essential areas of wildlife conservation: reducing wildlife conflicts, preventing the spread of invasive species, mitigating wildlife collisions, and responding effectively to wildlife disease outbreaks. Each of these initiatives represents a wise investment in the future of our state's ecological health and public safety.

As Oregon's wildlife faces increasing pressures from habitat loss, climate change, and human activity, reducing human-wildlife conflicts becomes ever more crucial. By supporting this bill, we can implement proactive measures to minimize these conflicts, ensuring the safety of both humans and animals.

Similarly, preventing the spread of invasive species is paramount to safeguarding native ecosystems and the species they support. This bill's focus on early detection and rapid response efforts is essential to preventing ecological damage and protecting our unique biodiversity.

Mitigating wildlife collisions is another significant issue, claiming countless animal lives and posing risks to drivers each year. The bill's provisions for identifying and addressing high-risk areas through wildlife crossings and other measures present a critical step towards reducing these tragic incidents.

Finally, HB 4148's focus on preparedness and response for wildlife disease outbreaks is an essential safeguard against potential future epidemics. By investing in proactive measures, we can minimize the impact of such outbreaks on both wildlife and public health.

I believe HB 4148 represents a comprehensive and strategic approach to protecting Oregon's wildlife for generations to come. Each of its components addresses critical needs and demonstrates a commitment to responsible environmental stewardship.

As a concerned citizen who deeply cares about the well-being of Oregon's wildlife, I

urge you to continue advocating for the passage of HB 4148. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue, and I look forward to seeing this bill become law.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Wyss