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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2980

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a resident of Sisters, Oregon, deeply committed to the progressive stewardship of our state's wildlife. My dedication is exemplified through my volunteer work at a local wildlife rehabilitation hospital, where I actively contribute to the care and recovery of injured and orphaned animals.

The passage of HB 2980 signifies a pivotal advancement in redefining the priorities of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. This legislation shifts the focus from viewing our native wildlife merely as resources for recreation or as nuisances to be managed, towards acknowledging individual animals as integral members of our ecological community, deserving of empathy, respect, and equitable treatment.

By embracing this legislation, we can foster a more harmonious coexistence with the diverse species that enrich Oregon's natural landscapes. I urge you to support this bill and join in promoting a compassionate and forward-thinking approach to our native wildlife.

Sincerely,
Patricia Travers