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Wildfire
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Chairman Golden, Vice Chairman Nash, and members of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Committee:

As a lifelong resident of Oregon, I am writing to express my strong support for the approval of the grant for Chintimini Wildlife Center. Having witnessed firsthand the incredible work they do, particularly in wildlife rehabilitation, I am deeply impressed by their dedication and impact.

Living in the Salem area, I have seen the void left by the closure of Turtle Ridge Wildlife Center in 2021. Since then, many residents have turned to Chintimini Wildlife Center near Corvallis for help with injured wildlife, significantly increasing their workload. This demonstrates not only the need for such services but also the trust and reliance the community places in Chintimini.

A new nature center would be a valuable investment in the future of Chintimini Wildlife Center and its vital programs. It would also serve as a fantastic community resource for educational outreach, enhancing the center's ability to engage and educate the public about wildlife conservation.

Therefore, I respectfully request that this committee and the Oregon Legislature approve Senate Bill 1131. I believe this support will have a lasting positive impact on our community and the state's wildlife.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Unger