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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Rep. Justin Lively
Rep. Mark Gamba
Rep Bobby Levy

Dear Representative and Committee members; Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this common sense house bill.

As an appreciator and member of our natural world, and an active senior in support of our watersheds, I have had the pleasure of observing this state's rodent and the marvelous engineering capabilities Nature has endowed it with. An hour sitting quietly around any beaver pond is a salve for the soul. Many hundreds of hours my spouse and I have spent volunteering with the Deschutes Land Trust and ONDA have afforded us further insight to the benefits this animal bestows on our natural world. Let's allow this animal to improve water quality and restore aquifers. Let's allow the beaver to work it's magic where it's needed most. In my opinion, one beaver can produce more environmentally friendly restorative results than ten D9 Caterpillar bulldozers - and their labor is free. Much less funding would be required to manage them successfully vs millions being poured (often wastefully) into big machinery restoration efforts. Please give these animals a leg up to have them protected in our aquatic systems.

Please support HB 3932

Respectfully,
David Gutt
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