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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Dear members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and the Environment,

I'm writing to encourage support of HB 3932! Let beavers do their thing! What could make more sense? We've got well over 300,000 miles of big rivers and small streams in Oregon, and almost half have been determined to be "impaired" (Category 4 and 5 of DEQ's water quality classification). Beaver dams and ponds help trap pollutants and heavy metals and allow sediments to settle out. And of course, beavers don't get a paycheck and they just keep on working and working. Elon Musk would love that, ha ha. But seriously, this is a great bill. It calls for the cessation of beaver trapping and hunting but ONLY on public lands with impaired waterways. Private landowners can continue to trap and hunt. It says other stuff too – it's got the bases covered. So support HB 3932 and let nature take its course – it's good for us and good for the environment.

Sincerely,
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