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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

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Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 3932, the "Beavers and Water Quality" Bill

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice Chair Levy and Members of the Committee,

My name is John K. Ostrom. I live in Eugene, OR. I am writing in strong support of HB 3932 to protect Oregon's beavers and streams. My involvement with the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) as well as habitat restoration activities in Lane County have led me to learn much about the need to conserve and protect our state animal, the beaver, and its habitat.

When beavers thrive, they benefit a host of other species, including human communities. Beavers improve stream health, increase climate resilience, and promote fire resistance. That is why we need you to act in support of HB 3932, a common-sense bill pending in the Oregon Legislature that prioritizes improving water quality in Oregon streams by protecting beavers.

Thank you for your service in Oregon's legislature and for your consideration of my testimony.

Regards,

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