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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Dear House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for HB 3932. I believe that stopping the harvesting of beavers on public lands that the DEQ classifies as impaired would greatly benefit Oregon's environment and water quality. I have volunteered multiple times with the Oregon Natural Desert Association and through these volunteer activities have learned about the benefits that beavers can provide to natural habitats and especially the cool, clean water that salmon need. As a result of what I have learned, I have selected volunteer projects that focus on beavers because I want to help maintain the quality of Oregon's amazing natural environment. I have personally seen the way that beavers can transform a damaged, channelized stream that would cease to run in the dry season to a wetland that provides a refuge to creatures year-round. In addition, with increasing fire danger, it seems to me that more beaver-maintained wetlands could also increase the fire resilience of landscapes. Beavers are very in expensive way to improve water quality, so I hope that HB 3932 passes.

Sincerely,

Sandra Staklis