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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Chair Lively, Vice-chairs Gamba and Levy and Committee Members,

HB 3932 is a bill that smartly takes advantage of the unique skills of beavers. We need miles of impaired waterways restored. The beavers, if we help protect their turf, can do some of that work for us. DEQ is tasked with restoring these waterways but lacks the resources to do so at the scale needed. This is where beavers can help — for free!??

I support HB 3932. Please stop the hunting and trapping of beavers on these impaired waterways on public lands. Beaver dam complexes can address most of these concerning water quality. This bill is not about limiting beaver harvest or increasing beaver population, but it will enable beavers to access waterways where they need to be and remain long enough to perform their ecosystem functions. Please support HB 3932 — a natural and free solution to our state's water quality crisis. ?

Sincerely,

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