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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

South Umpqua Rural Community Partnership is a 501C3 Not for Profit organization that represents rural Oregonians living in proximity or within lands managed by the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. The vast majority of our constituents are rural residents in favor of beaver ecology being maintained on public lands. In particular these head waters are the source of the vast majority of agricultural water resources. Historically beaver have played a key role mitigating climate change impacts, retaining water supplies for the ecosystem, recharging aquifers and maintaining a high level of water quality. Currently our organization is a participant in the South Umpqua River Coho Action Team, a State, Federal, County and NGO collaborative dedicated to the delisting of Coho salmon from the Endangered Species list. As a team we have recognized early on in our efforts that unless the functionality of beaver ecology is restored on public lands the removal of species of concern from agency lists will not take place. The recovery of beaver populations on Federal lands will also go a long way to remove our river and stream systems from their DEQ 303D listing for high temperatures and low summer flows. Please pass HB3932 and allow Oregonians to once again have water resource security.