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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2978

Hello Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee:

I'm writing to let you know that I strongly support HB 2978-A.

Wildlife crossings are highly effective and Oregon needs more crossing structures. HB 2978-A and an option for permanent state-level funding to support wildlife crossing initiatives will improve the safety of Oregon's roadways, remove barriers to wildlife, and make Oregon more competitive in capturing federal funding.

As an Oregonian, I'm honestly shocked and a little ashamed that we don't have more wildlife crossings. Part of what makes me proud to be an Oregonian is because of our great attention to protecting our natural lands and the wildlife that inhabit it. With the recent and rapid decline in numbers of mule deer in Central Oregon, it is imperative that we create more wildlife crossings so that they, and other wildlife, have a chance to survive and eventually thrive alongside us.

Please build on the important progress at the state legislature over the past five years by passing HB 2978-A.

Thank you,
-Lacey