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As a volunteer with The Wetlands Conservancy and ONDA around beaver habitat surveying and restoration, I am writing in support of HB 3932. One of the most important ecosystem services that beavers provide is in addressing water quality issues. Based on the DEQ's current data, the primary factors for a waterway to be deemed impaired are: high water temperature, sedimentation, dissolved oxygen level, and bio-criteria (health of invertebrates and shellfish) toxins. Scientific research and literature has shown that beaver dam complexes and floodplains help to address four of these top five factors - they are nature's solution, and they tackle these issues free of charge.

HB 3932 would help ensure that beavers can continue to help repair our landscape where needed. Please support this bill.

Thank you,

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