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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

I writing in support of HB 4134 for the funding it would provide for wildlife crossing projects. Sections of highway in Oregon have some of the highest densities of wildlife-vehicle collisions in the country. Since 2009 more than 1,000 recorded vehicle collisions with deer and elk, and countless undocumented collisions with carnivores have been recording along OR Highway 82. These accidents have harmed wildlife populations and placed drivers at risk. Not only do wildlife crossing projects have the potential to significantly reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions, but they may also improve migratory connectivity by increasing highway permeability to wildlife movement in the region. Please pass HB 4134 to improve highway safety and conserve wildlife populations and migrations corridors in Oregon.