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Dear Chair Helm and other members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

I'm writing today to express The Intertwine Alliance's strong support for House Bill 4148, all four parts of it. Our sincere thanks to Rep. Helm for introducing this Omnibus Wildlife Bill.

The Intertwine Alliance is a coalition of 80 public, private and nonprofit partners advocating for parks, trails, green spaces and equitable access to nature throughout the Portland metro region. Oregon's wildlife is important to our communities, to our ecosystems, and part of what makes our state special.

This bill will help protect wildlife, our environment and people across Oregon by reducing wildlife conflicts, helping stop the spread of invasive species, reducing wildlife collisions, and responding to wildlife disease outbreaks. HB 4148 represents a wise investment in areas that are critical to protecting Oregon's wildlife. We support this bill because it puts in place positive, proactive strategies to address the many and increasing wildlife challenges that Oregon faces.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership,

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