



House Bill 731 - Wildlife - Protections and Highway Crossings

Position: FAVORABLE

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Dear Chairman Korman and Members of the Committee:

As the Potomac region's leading clean water advocacy group, Potomac Conservancy urges a favorable report for the Wildlife Connectivity and Crossings Act because it directly supports our mission of clean water, healthy land, and vibrant communities for all.

Wildlife crossings don't just protect wildlife - they also help reduce erosion, filter pollutants, and protect the forests and streams that are so vital to the health of the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay. Additionally, the Wildlife Connectivity and Crossings Act promotes sustainable growth by requiring counties and municipalities to consider habitat connectivity in land-use planning.

For these reasons, **Potomac Conservancy requests a FAVORABLE report for House Bill 731- Wildlife - Protections and Highway Crossings.**

Sincerely,

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