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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB2977

Dear Oregon Legislature

I am writing to offer my strong support of HB 2977. This is a critically important bill that will help change the downward trajectory facing our state's fish and wildlife populations. The loss and degradation of wildlife habitats across the state is threatening the very core of what Oregonians value about the place they live. Enjoyment of the outdoors, fishing, hunting, bird watching, hiking, rafting, biking etc etc, defines us as a state and we are faced with a precipitous decline in fish and wildlife populations that share our home and make these endeavors so special. These populations and a healthy outdoor environment also drive our tourism and it is only right that a tax on lodging be used to make sure that Oregon remains an attractive place to visit.

I urge you to pass this incredibly important bill and demonstrate to the rest of the country the true nature of Oregon and Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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