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I am an Oregon resident, and I believe we have a responsibility to protect the wildlife that defines this state. Oregon's landscapes are not just scenery. They are living systems, and when wildlife disappears, something essential is lost, not only ecologically, but culturally and morally.

Too often, conflict with wildlife is met with lethal responses that fail to address the root causes and leave lasting damage behind. HB 4134 is a chance to choose a better path. By funding proven coexistence strategies and stronger anti-poaching efforts, this bill shifts Oregon away from reaction and toward stewardship. A modest increase to the transient lodging tax asks visitors to help support the wildlife they come here to see, while creating real, on-the-ground protection for vulnerable species like wolves.

I urge you to support HB 4134 and take a clear stand for Oregon's wildlife, not just for today, but for the generations who will inherit the consequences of our choices.