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HB4134

My name is Judith Anderson. I am your neighbor in Washington and I love Oregon. The climate catastrophe is making itself known everywhere. Mitigation and possible adaptation are solutions that can be worked on with financial input from all of us. Oregon Natural Desert Association has some really good reasons to support this state transient lodging tax which I will willingly pay when I journey through Oregon to Nevada and California as I do regularly. I think these three issues are exceptionally valid for supporting this bill:

HB 4134 provides long-term, dedicated funding for conservation. This bill would secure sustainable funding to recover Oregon's most at-risk species and habitats, including sagebrush ecosystems, connected wildlife corridors, and resilient landscapes that support biodiversity statewide.

Healthy wildlife and habitats are essential to Oregon's economy. Oregon's outdoor recreation and tourism economy depends on healthy lands and waters. The outdoor economy contributes 2.6% of Oregon's GDP, supports 192,000 jobs, and generates \$16 billion in consumer spending.

We cannot have a strong tourism economy without healthy ecosystems. Protecting fish, wildlife, and habitats is not separate from economic vitality—it is foundational to it. Investing in conservation now supports local communities and long-term economic resilience.

Thank you for taking up this bill and being willing to protect beings and places that cannot speak for themselves.