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HB4134

The rich wildlife and natural heritage of this state are part of what makes Oregon so special. As our communities grow and outdoor recreation increases, the need to better protect wildlife, reduce conflicts and promote coexistence between people and animals has never been more urgent.

The “1.25% for Wildlife” bill (HB 4134) is a commonsense, bipartisan solution that would help safeguard Oregon’s wildlife for generations to come. By adding a 1.25% increase to the state’s transient lodging tax, this bill would dedicate funding for wildlife coexistence efforts that reduce retaliatory killing, including of wolves, and strengthen anti-poaching efforts to help reduce illegal wildlife killings.

I strongly support this measure. Our wildlife and our natural environment are key to what makes Oregon so special. We MUST protect them. Please pass HB 4234.