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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Dear Legislators -

I am in full support of bill HB 4134. It is essential legislation needed to protect both our wildlife and our communities. This bill will also strengthen our tourism economy, which relies on a healthy natural environment. And amazingly, HB 4134 will not increase my day to day cost of living.

This legislation does two important things - it protects wildlife and it protects human health. Our own personal health is dependent on a healthy and thriving natural environment. We cannot survive as a human race if we do not keep the natural world that provides us food and water clean and healthy.

This legislation will fund projects that protect our drinking water, that support wild pollinators essential to growing our food, and will help maintain species like bats that help control insect populations. When we invest in our natural environment, we invest in our personal health and the health of our communities.

HB 4134 will protect our fish and wildlife. Oregon has a list of over 300 vulnerable species. We need to protect these species to maintain diversity in our ecosystems. When the diversity of species declines, so does the health and resilience of the natural environment.

Not only does HB 4134 invest in conserving and restoring the habitat these vulnerable species rely upon, it also supports Oregonians' livelihoods, outdoor recreation, and the incredible quality of life this beautiful state has to offer. All communities in Oregon, especially our rural communities, rely on thriving, healthy natural environments.

This bill is an historic opportunity for the state of Oregon and is supported by a diverse and bipartisan coalition.

I love this state, and I want both it's natural ecosystems and our communities to thrive. I fully support HB 4134 and would happily pay a few extra dollars on my hotel bill to protect Oregon's natural legacy and protect the health of our communities. It's a no brainer.

Thank you for your time.