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On Behalf Of:

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House Committee On Revenue

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HB4134

Hi, My name is Elizabeth Workman and I live in Prineville, Oregon. I am writing in strong support of HB 4134 with the 1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% to help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife and habitats. Our native fish, wildlife, and diverse habitats—including the high desert and sagebrush steppe—are central to what makes Oregon special and to why people choose to live, visit, and recreate here. 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 so you can see why it's important to take care of our wildlife and habitat. 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.