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I live in Portland, Oregon. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 4134 to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats.

We regularly host visitors who are either tourists, or business travelers who extend their stay a few days to experience Oregon. What they tell us over and over again is just how special Oregon is--that nature is so close to the cities, and how wild Oregon lands are. Just yesterday, a business visitor told us that he plans on renting a place here for a month or two a year so that he and his wife can work remotely in Oregon, because of the natural beauty. He also mentioned that everything here is so much cheaper than in his city, including lodging.

So, even if you don't care about nature, or climate change, surely you care about the flow of money into our state?