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On Behalf Of: myself
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

My name is Ericka Rodriguez. I am a business owner in Bend, and I am writing today in support of “1.25% for Wildlife” (HB 4134), a bill that would establish dedicated, sustained funding for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to recover Oregon’s imperiled species and habitats.

A thriving environment is critical to the success of my business, Axiology. Axiology creates plastic-free, cruelty-free makeup for customers who value environmental responsibility. One of the reasons I live in Bend and chose to establish Axiology here in 2015 is Oregon’s natural beauty. As you know, most, if not all, of the tourists who visit Bend come here to see pristine nature, wildlife, and the natural beauty of our state, and I believe the people who come to Bend will be happy to know that a small lodging fee supports our wildlife

I was introduced to “1.25% for Wildlife” through Think Wild and believe it is a common-sense solution that would benefit both Oregonians and visitors alike. I am particularly encouraged that HB 4134 would establish a grant program for wildlife rehabilitation facilities, which are facing increasing demand while also experiencing a loss of federal support.

In my view, “1.25% for Wildlife” is a strong and necessary bill, and I urge you to support it.

Thank you,
Ericka Rodriguez