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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair and Members of the House Committee on Revenue,

I am writing in strong support of HB 4134, the 1.25% for Wildlife bill, which would create a stable, dedicated funding source to protect Oregon's imperiled lands, waters, and wildlife by modestly increasing the state transient lodging tax. HB 4134 represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to close Oregon's long-standing wildlife funding gap. It would directly support the State Wildlife Action Plan, wildlife connectivity, anti-poaching enforcement, coexistence programs like wolf depredation compensation, and the Oregon Conservation Corps, which are investments that protect biodiversity while strengthening community resilience and public safety. HB 4134 balances urban and rural needs, funds on-the-ground solutions, and provides stability in an era of increasing wildfire risk, habitat loss, and climate stress. Additionally, the majority of the proposed tax is paid by out-of-state visitors, not working Oregonians, and even with the increase, Oregon would remain among the lowest lodging-taxed states in the country.

As an Oregon resident of over 20 years, I know I am in good company--Oregonians value wildlife, healthy ecosystems, and responsible stewardship. HB 4134 delivers on all three. I urge you to support HB 4134 and help secure a thriving future for Oregon's wildlife, habitats, and the communities that depend on them.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Miranda Eisen