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I once lived in Oregon and appreciate its natural beauty and wildlife. I visit often and will willingly pay a lodging tax to support wilderness and wildlife.

I am writing you to say I strongly support HB 4134 which is historic legislation that would protect our wildlife, safeguard communities, and strengthen our tourism economy that depends on a healthy environment, without increasing my cost of living.

This legislation protects wildlife and human health.

The health of people and our environment is inextricably linked. Keeping nature healthy keeps people healthy. Projects funded by this legislation will help protect and clean drinking water, support wild pollinators that are essential to our food and natural systems, and maintain species like bats that help control insect populations. These investments aren't just an investment in our environment; they're an investment in community health.

HB 4134 protects our fish, wildlife, and way of life.

Oregon has a list of over 300 vulnerable species that require intervention. HB 4134 invests in conserving and restoring the habitat these species rely upon, while also supporting Oregonians' livelihoods, outdoor recreation, and quality of life.

Communities in Oregon, especially our rural communities, rely on thriving, healthy environments that support our native wildlife.

This legislation will prevent endangered species conflicts.

Recovering a species once it is imperiled enough to warrant listing under the state and federal Endangered Species Act is costly and can create a lot of conflict. By investing in proactive conservation, HB 4134 can avoid costly emergency intervention and conflicts down the road. It is an effective and fiscally responsible policy that will help wildlife and communities now and in the future.