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On Behalf Of:

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As a citizen and constituent of the State of Oregon, I hereby express my support for the proposed 1.25% funding allocation to wildlife (HB 4134).

Since childhood, I have been a frequenter of national parks in the State of Oregon in various contexts, including those of outdoor recreation as well as within educational settings. The preservation of wildlife centers and national parks is crucial in the protection of wildlife, with benefits connected to the resilience of our economy, and ecosystems both near and far. In addition, the maintenance and protection of wilderness landmarks (and other regions alike) is essential to ensure the experiences will be available to future generations.

A final note is the acknowledgement of the relationship between our local ecosystems and those outside state lines, acknowledging that the health of various species is not exclusive to one geographic location, but is dependent upon the various regions within and outside the State of Oregon (one example being the migratory patterns of avian species and the habitats that are present within the migratory range). If efforts to preserve and protect such wilderness landmarks were to fall short, consequences will be reflected in our local ecosystems and the economy alike.

Thank you for reviewing.