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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

I am an Oregon resident, and I strongly support HB 4134. Oregon's wildlife is not expendable. It is part of what makes this place whole, and once it is gone, it cannot simply be replaced.

HB 4134 gives Oregon a chance to move away from reactive, lethal responses and invest in proven coexistence solutions that actually work. Protecting vulnerable species and reducing illegal and retaliatory killing is not just an environmental issue, it is a matter of responsibility and values. A modest increase to the transient lodging tax ensures that those who come to enjoy Oregon's natural beauty help protect it.

I urge you to support HB 4134 and choose stewardship over short-term convenience. The decisions made now will shape Oregon's wildlife for generations.