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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue,

My name is Skylar Janecek and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 4134.

As an Oregonian, I am a firm believer that humans have a moral obligation to protect the wildlife that belongs to the lands we have claimed as our home. Stewardship and conservation is a bipartisan passion for all Oregonians, and something the state government should be proud to support. Additionally, so much of our tourist economy here in Oregon is directly tied to the desire of people to see our beautiful lands, and any failure on our part to uphold them is going to limit travel to our state.

Considering this, using a slight increase to the lodging tax (already one of the lowest in the country, and poised to remain as such even with the passage of this bill), it seems like bipartisan common sense that we would use this revenue to ensure funds are allocated for protection for local wildlife.