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My name is Claire and I am a Portland native. I moved away from Oregon as a young adult, but returned here to start my career and settle down because there is nowhere else that has the unique natural beauty of Oregon. We are known across the country, and indeed across the world, for our biodiversity and natural beauty. I know many people who have traveled to, and moved to, the state to enjoy these things.

Protecting Oregon's threatened species should not be a political issue. Whether one is interested in environmental preservation, science, recreation, or making sure our children and their children get to experience all the beauty of Oregon that we do, we all benefit from keeping Oregon safe, clean, beautiful, and unique – and we all have a duty to do so.

The proposed increase to the lodging tax will do little to affect business but will do so much to preserve robust natural landscape in Oregon and set an example for other states.