

Testimony for House Bill 4134

Dear Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Natasha Raish, and I am writing to you with my full support for the House Bill 4134.

I have grown up skiing, and I am very familiar with Mt Hood, and the Government Camp area. One of my favorite skiing memories is gazing out from the top of the Palmer Chairlift, and seeing the endless mountains of green trees with Mount Jefferson and Sisters in the distance. I have done a lot of hiking and camping in the mountains, and whenever I'm there, I feel a sense of peace.

Almost every weekend since I was four years old, I have gazed at this magical place, and everytime I am there, I feel a rare sense of freedom that I don't feel anywhere else.

It's like a beacon to me, and I feel more than ever that people need that sort of beacon to turn to, and that sense of freedom that nowadays is so hard to find.

I just don't feel like the world would be the same without the trees, the mountains and the animals that have lived on this earth longer than any of us.

Sincerely,
Natasha Raish