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On Behalf Of:

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HB4134

Greetings my name is Rachael Jans and I live in Milwaukie, OR. I've been captivated by Oregon's natural beauty and diverse wildlife for over a decade. The varied landscapes we can visit in just a few hours drive is stunning. A very special time for me was when I first visited the Owyhee canyonlands in the eastern part of our state. Nothing could prepare me for the spectacular river vistas and pristine wilderness. From that moment, I knew we needed to do everything we could (as citizens of this wonderful state) to protect these lands. Investing in conservation now supports local communities and long-term economic resilience.

I support dedicated funding to recover vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats. This bill, HB 4134, provides long-term, dedicated funding for conservation which is needed. We need to have protections built into our tourist economy. Many visit Oregon to enjoy our natural beauty and it makes sense to have a small statewide tax of "1.25% for Wildlife.". Without stable funding, we risk continued decline of the very places that makes this state so special. I hope you will vote in support of this measure. Thank you for your time.

Rachael Jans