

Bill HB-4134

This testimony is to Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Reschke and Walters as well as the committee. This is from Jada Broden. I am writing a testimony for bill HB 4134-1. I am writing to show my support and my opinion.

My name is Jada glyde Broden. I have a dad and mom that are farmers and a sister that is in high school. I don't quite know when I made a connection with a forest. All I know is one day it was there. I was born in Myers Flat California. I was basically born in a red wood forest and for the first 3 months of my life everyday my mom would go on our hike: through the red wood forest, past the small bridge and the burnt and falling trees. It was peaceful and it was perfect just the way it was. After a while my parents made the choice to move to Portland, Oregon. I never lost the connection to the forest because as soon as we moved we purchased a 500 acre farm. It was blossoming with veggies and fruits but my favorite day was Friday harvest day where we would pick all the food and go to the market. The market was a community that was filled with farmers and bakers that understood us and our connection to the forest.

It wasn't always easy. We would do harvest day every Friday. That farm was my joy, my laughter, my life. I loved that farm. And the first time I realized the human race was not educated enough on this particular subject was when our neighbor set out poison traps for all the beautiful creatures. They were literally killing creatures and the animals would come to our property seeking help, as always, too late. When we lost the farm I never lost my connection. I still was able to make the 6 ish hour drive to the red wood forest but it had changed. That old stump was now a 10 car parking lot. There were big chunky signs and gates everywhere that ruined the authenticity of the forest because no one was really seeing it.

Now we have this bill. This bill is here to protect my memories and to make it so other people can have such beautiful memories and experiences of nature. I would never let the forest fade into a parking lot or condo. We have to protect the forest. I have studied and I am in full support of HB 4134 to help the community save wildlife. I know that in your mind and heart you can stand with me for the laughter, the smiles and for the forest please stand with me. Please vote to support HB 4134. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,
Jada Broden

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