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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Dear Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue members,

I strongly support HB 4134. As a Bend resident, this bill would secure dedicated, long-term funding for Oregon's most imperiled fish, wildlife, and habitats by modestly increasing the state transient lodging tax.

For the high desert where I live, this would mean sustained investment in sagebrush-steppe restoration, wildlife connectivity, invasive species control, and wildfire resilience—work that is essential to keeping all of our ecosystems whole and thriving. Not to mention our community more able to fight off deadly wildfires, a major concern for me after having lived in Northern California and watched fire after fire grow in intensity and level of destruction.

Please vote in favor of HB 4134.

Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

Denise LaBuda
Bend Resident