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As an Oregonian since birth and raised with values that are central to my family's Native American heritage, protecting Oregon's wildlife and helping it thrive is something I believe in deeply. My family has always loved this land, and has great respect for wildlife and the natural world. As a family that includes fishermen, campers and bowhunters, the many bird and animal species that we are privileged to have here in Oregon hold special significance to a long-standing traditional way of life for us, and many in our communities.

But with all the pressures facing wildlife in Oregon (climate change, extinction, development, etc.), that way of life and the wildlife that we depend on are at-risk and being increasingly threatened. Through a very small increase in transient room tax rates (mostly paid for by out of state visitors), we have an opportunity to leave a major legacy for the next generation by helping our local wildlife, and all many communities who depend on it, thrive.

Please vote to dedicate consistent funding to support Oregon's wildlife by passing the 1.25% for Wildlife bill (HB 4134) as a sensible, sustainable and long-term solution.