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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Hello, My name is Riley, I am a resident of Sisters, OR. I am writing in support of 1.25% for Wildlife. This bipartisan legislation will provide long-term, dedicated funding to protect

Oregon's most vulnerable wildlife and their habitats and support wildlife coexistence.

It would

also give the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife the resources they need to ensure

Oregon's wildlife remains a treasured part of our state for generations to come. There are many

urgent conservation needs across the state, and this sustainable funding initiative would help

fund things like - Wildlife recovery and habitat restoration -Wildlife-friendly

infrastructure and

connectivity -Invasive species detection and response: We have hundreds of known invasive

species in the state, and we need to take more rapid action to prevent permanent ecosystem

damage. -Support for wildlife rehabilitation & stewardship programs -Community conservation

and recreation grants -Anti-poaching enforcement and wildlife crime response -Wolf coexistence

tools and depredation prevention These targeted investments help ensure that

Oregon's wildlife,

from salmon to songbirds to big game, can thrive for generations.

Thank you for your consideration,

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