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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

With federal protections declining, Oregon has the chance to lead by example.
Support 1.25% for Wildlife!

My name is Kristin Bayans, and I'm proud to call Oregon my home. As a passionate ocean recreation advocate, dedicated coastal volunteer, and former Marine Program Coordinator for the North Coast Land Conservancy/Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, I am fully invested in the future of our state's natural resources. That's why I strongly urge your support for HB 4134, which seeks to raise the state lodging tax by a mere 1.25% to safeguard Oregon's vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats.

This dedicated conservation funding is not just about preserving our natural heritage; it's also instrumental in sustaining 200,000 jobs and generating an impressive \$16 billion in revenue for Oregon's thriving outdoor tourism economy. Healthy ecosystems are vital not only for wildlife but also for the well-being of our local communities. I urge you to support the 1.25% increase for wildlife by passing HB 4134. Together, we can make a lasting impact on our state's natural legacy by passing HB 4134.