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Oregon Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
Senator Anthony Broadman, Chair
Senator Mike McLane, Vice-Chair
Senator Dick Anderson
Senator Deb Patterson
Senator Kathleen Taylor

RE: Support for HB4134

Dear Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair Mike McLane, and Committee Members,

We are writing to urge you to vote yes on HB 4134, the 1.25% for Wildlife Bill. This bill has been a long time coming, and is vital to both Oregon's natural heritage and its economy.

For decades, fish and wildlife programs have been dependent upon the revenue from fishing and hunting licenses to operate. That model is no longer viable. As those revenues decline and more Oregonians seek funds for nongame fish and wildlife, a new revenue source that keeps pace with Oregonians' love of the natural world is needed. This bill is the answer to that question. And a large portion is paid by nonresidents.

The health of our fish and wildlife populations is essential to our economy. Outdoor recreation, which depends on healthy fish and wildlife populations, is a \$16 Billion industry that supports 192,000 jobs. In our area of Northern Clackamas County, that spans fishing and hunting, wildlife watching hiking, boating, and everything in between. And the common denominator is the health of our fish and wildlife. It is a major driver of tourism, which is why this funding source is appropriate.

What is also remarkable about this bill was very evident in House testimony earlier this session. There are not many bills that bring together Eastern Oregon ranchers, urban environmentalists and coastal flyfishing guides. But this does. Care for our fish and wildlife is something all Oregonians treasure. It's now time to take care of it.

On behalf of the 165,000 people who live in North Clackamas Watersheds, we urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Neil Schulman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue ink color.

Neil Schulman
Executive Director