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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

As a frequent visitor of Oregon, I am writing in support of HB 4134 the "1.25% for Wildlife" bill.

I recently lived in Oregon for over ten years. Although I no longer live in Oregon, I still visit several times each year and will gladly pay a few dollars more on my hotel bill to protect Oregon's natural legacy.

During my residency in Oregon, I was an active bird watcher and hiker. Any sightings of Oregon's wildlife was always a highlight. I actively engaged in the protection of Oregon's wildlife when given the opportunity.

Only about 3% to 4% of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife budget is spent on non-game species and habitat conservation. This is sorely inadequate to care for and preserve these species and their habitats. HB1434 must be passed to help address this lack of financial revenue.

Today I am grateful and excited to be able to contribute financially to the preservation of Oregon's wildlife species through a tourism tax.

I ask that you please pass HB4134.

Thank you for your consideration.