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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Dear Committee members; My my wife and I are active in the conservation communities in Central Oregon (DLT, ONDA, LandWatch). We also enjoy witnessing the diverse landscape and wildlife across our state. We appreciate the opportunity to support HB 4134 as it comes before you. Even though our interests in supporting this measure are personal, there are many reasons why we believe this bill is a great idea whose time has come - particularly in an era of hostile federal support for our natural world when state leadership becomes essential.

In lieu of the overwhelming support HB 4134 received in the House, we remain hopeful you will also find it worthy of scrutiny & passage by your committee. Beyond providing funding for needed protection of crucial migratory corridors and habitat for wildlife, this measure will also place our state firmly at the lead of conservation efforts needed across our public & private lands. We should preserve Oregon's very identity as a place of natural wonder now and for future generations.

Please note the benefits this measure can bring to Oregon's tourist economy. Investing in wildlife habitat and conservation projects will be an additional boon to economic opportunities throughout our communities. \$16 billion is an impressive number for consumer spending generated by our tourism economy, not to mention the many thousands of associated jobs. This bill will help permanently support wildlife and humans alike.

Please support HB 4134 for passage.

Thank you sincerely

David Gutt

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