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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Hello, I am Malia from Corvallis, Oregon. I support HB 4134, which proposes a 1.25% increase in the state lodging tax to help protect Oregon's vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats. Many Oregonians favor long-term funding for wildlife conservation, which will benefit both ecosystems and local tourism-dependent businesses. Oregon's outdoor tourism economy supports nearly 200,000 jobs and generates \$16 billion in consumer spending alone. Investing in these resources now will create future economic opportunities for our communities, expanding growth and more to experience and learn in general. A robust tourism economy relies on healthy fish, wildlife, and habitats. This legislation will ensure their protection, as it is effective and extremely important as a whole. As federal funding decreases, Oregon has the opportunity to lead in preserving our natural heritage. Please support "1.25% for Wildlife" by passing HB 4134.

Thank you,

Malia