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Hello,

Thank you for supporting HB 4134, 1.25% for wildlife. I volunteer for community science programs on the coast, travel extensively around the state for pleasure, and enjoy supporting the communities that I visit by spending money in those places. HB 4134 is important to me because the majority of the travel I complete is to view wildlife. Sometimes I camp, and I also use hotels and Airbnb for lodging. I support this small tax increase on the transient lodging tax, knowing it is going to support programs that will protect Oregon's wildlife for generations to come. Our wildlife is one of our most important assets, and draws significant amount of visitors to our state every year. The current funding for wildlife protection programs is dangerously insufficient, and not passing HB 4134 is a major threat to the Oregon economy, as it is a vote against protecting one of our most important assets: wildlife. Thank you very much for reading my testimony.