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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

As an Oregon resident and member of Animal Rights Collective Portland (ARCPDX), I am writing to urge you to vote YES on HB 4134 (1.25% for Wildlife).

Oregon's wildlife and natural landscapes are not just important; they are central to our identity, economy, and quality of life. This bill is crucial as it offers stable, long-term funding for essential wildlife conservation efforts, habitat restoration, anti-poaching enforcement, and practical coexistence solutions that benefit both wildlife and residents.

It's worth noting that most of the proposed 1.25% increase in lodging tax will primarily be paid by out-of-state visitors. Even with this increase, Oregon would continue to have one of the lowest lodging tax rates in the country.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and your commitment to protecting our natural heritage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jake Vaage
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