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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

To Senators Jeff Merkley, and Ron Wyden,

As a resident of Eugene, Oregon living in the area of Fern Ridge Reservoir my wife and I have lived here for 10 years and have noticed wildlife that frequent our property including: beavers, deer, barn/ Great horned owls, western Meadowlarks, American Kestrels, egrets, wood ducks, Great blue herons, acorn woodpeckers, pileated woodpecker, many songbirds, Oregon juncos, spotted towhees, chickadees to name a few. But the one species we have noticed in obvious decline over the years is the CACKLING GEESE. We used to see them in such numbers that when they flew on mass they literally would "block the sun" by their numbers. We dont see those numbers anymore. We wish to impress upon you the urgency to pass this bill HR4134 that will increase the lodging fee 1.25% in hopes to fund a plan that can be enacted that could reverse this trend for these beautiful birds. After all they are our state symbol...GO DUCKS!!!

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