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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

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Dear Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue,

I am Joseph Gabaldon, a third-year law student at Lewis & Clark Law school in Portland, Oregon and a resident of Lake Oswego, Oregon. I support the increase in the state transient lodging tax. I will keep my testimony brief.

Simply put, the tax increase is currently the best solution for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife funding. Insufficient funding is a major impediment to both conservation efforts and by virtue, the maintenance of ecosystems to support hunting and fishing. The current federal administration is a threat to federal funding for fish and wildlife management. As federal funding reduces, the need for local funding increases. Critically, the tax increase places the financial burden primarily on out of state residents. It is a win-win for Oregonians. The result is an increase in conservation and hunting funding, without the financial burden of the bill.