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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

My husband, Charles and I have been Oregon residents for over fifty years and we both urge you to vote yes on HB 4134. This bill will allow for indefinite funding for wildlife conservation, anti-poaching oversight and enforcement, as well as eco-system restoration and positive solutions for managing the wildland/urban interface. The natural endemic assets of landscape, flora, fauna, forests, desert, mountains, rivers and coastline are at the very heart of our life and well being here in Oregon and must be preserved, enhanced and managed for everyone, while at the same time encouraging reasonable and sustainable tourism which provides much of our economic security in this region.

With this small lodging tax increase of 1.25%, Oregon would still be one of the lowest lodging tax states in the nation. Additionally, most of this tax will be paid by visitors from outside of Oregon.

Thank you for your attention.

Jillian and Charles Barker  
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