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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

HB 4134 provides a responsible, dedicated funding source by increasing the statewide lodging tax from 1.5% to 2.75%, with the additional revenue directed toward fish, wildlife, and habitat recovery efforts. This approach ensures that visitors who enjoy Oregon's natural beauty help support its long-term protection, while avoiding added burdens on working families.

The bill also makes critical investments in programs that protect wildlife and public safety, including the Wildlife Stewardship Program, ODFW's Wildlife Connectivity Program, the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund, and state anti-poaching efforts. These programs are essential for maintaining healthy ecosystems, supporting outdoor recreation, and preserving Oregon's way of life.

I strongly encourage you to support HB 4134 and help safeguard Oregon's wildlife and habitats for future generations.