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On Behalf Of:
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Hello,

My name is Emrie James, I am a resident of Bend, OR. I have lived in Oregon for the past ten years. I am writing in support of 1.25% for Wildlife. This bipartisan legislation will provide long-term, dedicated funding to protect Oregon's most vulnerable wildlife and their habitats and support wildlife coexistence. It would also give the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife the resources they need to ensure Oregon's wildlife remains a treasured part of our state for generations to come. There are many urgent conservation needs across the state, and this sustainable funding initiative would help fund things like - Wildlife recovery and habitat restoration -Wildlife-friendly infrastructure and connectivity -Invasive species detection and response: We have hundreds of known invasive species in the state, and we need to take more rapid action to prevent permanent ecosystem damage. -Support for wildlife rehabilitation & stewardship programs -Community conservation and recreation grants -Anti-poaching enforcement and wildlife crime response -Wolf coexistence tools and depredation prevention These targeted investments help ensure that Oregon's wildlife, from salmon to songbirds to big game, can thrive for generations.

Thank you for your consideration,
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