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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Dear Legislators,

Raising Oregon's transient lodging tax just 1% and dedicating the funds to conserving and recovering Oregon's imperiled wildlife and their habitat will go a long way in boosting the healthy habitats and thriving wildlife that support our state's thriving outdoor recreation and tourism economy. Even with the increase, which would take our TLT from 1.5% to 2.5%, Oregon's rate would still be amongst the lowest in the nation. My community of the Illinois Valley in Southwest Oregon depends on a thriving tourist economy based on our natural beauty, wildlife, and unique ecosystems. For the sake of rural communities like mine and the critters that live among us and make Oregon Oregon, I urge you to support HB 2977.

Thank you, Carol Valentine