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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

As an Oregon resident, I urge you to support the 1.25% for Wildlife bill (HB 4134) to help conserve Oregon's most vulnerable wildlife.

The rich wildlife and natural heritage of this state are part of what makes Oregon so special. As our communities grow and outdoor recreation increases, the need to better protect wildlife, reduce conflicts and promote coexistence between people and animals has never been more urgent.

The "1.25% for Wildlife" bill (HB 4134) is a commonsense, bipartisan solution that would help safeguard Oregon's wildlife for generations to come. By adding just a 1.25% increase to the state's transient lodging tax, this bill would dedicate funding for wildlife coexistence efforts that reduce retaliatory killing of carnivores and strengthen anti-poaching efforts to help reduce illegal wildlife killings.

HB 4134 would fund practical, proven solutions to reduce wildlife conflicts and promote coexistence, benefiting communities and protecting the wildlife that makes this state so special for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.