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Hello Julie,

I appreciate your making sure our comments below are provided to the members of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources in time for tomorrow's meeting on Hb5010.

Thanks for confirming receipt of this email and that the comments are part of the public record.

Best to you,

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To: Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources
Re: HB5010

Predator Defense is a national wildlife conservation and advocacy organization based in Eugene, Oregon. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed budget for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for the March 30th meeting.

We are in favor of the Governor's recommended elimination of \$534,367 in general funds for Predatory Animal Control and the associated volunteer program. We also favor the elimination of similar funding of \$470,140 to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (Hb5002) for the same purpose. These funds are primarily given over to Wildlife Services, an agency of the US Department of Agriculture.

In addition to eliminating the funding from the ODFW and ODA budgets, we request budget notes prohibiting the use of M44 devices by Wildlife Services or any agent of the state in Oregon.

Wildlife Services once again has rightfully been under intense scrutiny in the last few weeks for its negligent use of indiscriminate and deadly lethal control methods. On February 26th a wolf in Oregon was killed by an M44 cyanide bomb set by Wildlife Services in violation of an agreement with the ODFW to not use M44 devices in areas of known wolf activity. On March 16th in Idaho a beloved pet dog was killed, and first responders and family members, including a child, were exposed to deadly cyanide gas from an M44 cyanide bomb negligently set by Wildlife Services on BLM land. There were no required warning signs posted and no notification provided to residents living in close proximity to the area widely used by the public where the devices were set. Additionally, the state of Idaho had a signed agreement with Wildlife Services that M44 devices would not be used on public lands. The BLM did not know the agreement had been violated and the devices were set on their land. Unfortunately,

incidents like these are not unusual.

There have been people in Oregon and other states who have been injured and whose pets have been killed by equally negligent handling of indiscriminate and dangerous devices by Wildlife Services. The agency has been caught repeatedly violating their own directives and labeling requirements and federal law which require public notification of the use of deadly poisons and dangerous devices because they pose severe safety health risks to people and other animals.

Representative Defazio's bill to prohibit the use of cyanide and the super toxin 1080 sodium fluoro acetate poison in M44 and other devices used by Wildlife Services is expected to be introduced any day now. He has written Governor Brown in support of her recommended budget eliminating Wildlife Services funding.

There is no justification for allowing deadly poisons and dangerous indiscriminate steel jawed traps and strangling snares to be placed like landmines on Oregon public lands where they endanger the public safety. Additionally we do not need aerial gunning of our wildlife, another practice used by Wildlife Services. Your vote to keep these funds from being allocated will help protect public safety and enhance enjoyment of Oregon's land by all residents and their pets.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

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