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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: HB4080

Please oppose House Bill 4080. This bill would funnel more money to Wildlife Services, an agency that typically ignores current science and indiscriminately kills native wildlife. House Bill 4080 does not encourage non-lethal means of dealing with conflicts with wildlife. Numerous studies have shown that non-lethal methods are actually more effective at mitigating wildlife damage. The bill would also prevent the proposed districts from being held accountable to the public.

Most Oregonians respect and treasure the state's native wildlife. We need to work to find ways to allow both Oregon's wildlife and people to prosper. Paying to have our wildlife killed is misguided and short-sighted, and hurts us all.

Thank you.