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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: HB4080

I am not a landowner, but I am an Oregonian who values all the wildlife that lives in this state, even those considered pests by landowners.

I oppose HB 4080 which would establish special government districts to raise MORE money for killing wildlife, even if they have not damaged property.

This money would go to the federal "Wildlife Services" program. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, this agency killed 201,606 animals in Oregon. Landowners did not have to show that they tried other methods of preventing animal damage. Landowners did not have to show proof of animal damage before resorting to killing. The methods used by this agency are cruel.

Scientific studies have shown that widespread removal of animals only causes an increase in the number of animals in that area. This can be related to vacuums in territories or increase in the number of animals born.

Finally, I have a State Representative who does not believe that I should have a voice in this decision because I am not "directly" affected by the issue of wildlife damage. I disagree and I hope other legislators will listen to what all Oregonians have to say on this issue.