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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: HB4080

I urge you to oppose House Bill 4080. This bill would allow special government districts to raise money for killing wildlife only because the animals might damage private property. House Bill 4080 would not require recipients of the money to use or even consider using alternatives that don't require killing the animals. Moreover, the money raised would go to the federal "Wildlife Services" program, which is known for cruel and unnecessary killing of wildlife as its preferred method of dealing with human-wildlife conflicts. Oregon should focus instead on finding peaceful ways to co-exist with wildlife. It is not the taxpayer's responsibility to compensate businesses for losses they have done nothing to mitigate, and this taxpayer does not want to pay agents of the government to slaughter wildlife.

Thank you.