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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB199

I am sending this as my personal written testimony to SB199. I am a citizen of Harney County where our family lives and operates a cattle ranch. Our ranch has been in the family for over 100 years. In hard winters and all year long we feed and attempt to protect the wildlife and our ranch animals. All the while coyotes are ravaging the deer, elk, and our calves. Hunting and trapping are our best defense against the coyotes. We have appreciated the efforts of the Oregon Department of Agriculture to regulate predatory animals. It makes sense for ODA to do this job because they have the knowledge about the damage to our agricultural based animals and their existence. The ODFW Commission Board does not represent agriculture.

SB199 would be devastating to our industry and the preservation of wild game.