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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB199

As a lifelong Oregon resident I oppose SB199. We live adjacent to an established Hazelnut orchard and also have a 120+ year old family ranch/farm in NE Oregon. SB199 potential impact on property owners and neighboring communities would most likely be severe. I don't not fish or hunt regulated game, I'd rather capture them with my camera. When it comes to invasive and threatening species that's another issue. I will not go out and hunt these species outside of my property or adjoining property with permission of course unless a landowner requests. If you've ever witnessed a pack of coyotes killing it's prey it isn't very enjoyable. The amount of livestock and regulated game coyotes, cougars and wolves can kill is substantial. The damage beaver and nutria can inflict on properties with waterways is significant. The damage the invasive Northern California Digger Squirrel can do to a Hazelnut orchard is significant in terms of burrowing and nut consumption. The 45 acre orchard adjacent to my property easily has 2,000 plus squirrels annually, they invade and burrow the neighboring properties also. Should these animals not be allowed to be regulated by the landowners, the physical and financial damages can become significant. I have decades of firsthand experience observing and maintaining all the situations I've mentioned. Please let the people with firsthand experience and a true respect of nature and wildlife deal with the situation within the current regulations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.