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RE: Baker County Board of Commissioners: SB199 Testimony

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We oppose this bill because there has not been sufficient opportunity for the public in rural eastern Oregon to provide their views on SB199. We also oppose the State Fish and Wildlife Commission being given the authority to establish new rule requirements concerning wildlife defined as predatory animal. Once again, this bill if passed as written, will certainly show that rules that may work for the west side of the state will not work well for the east side of the state. Predatory animals, birds and fish have taken a severe toll on livestock, big game animals, upland game birds including pheasant populations that were so abundant fifty years ago. Each county or region of the state should be the regulatory authority over predatory animals since predators directly affect the economy of that region or county.

We believe SB 199 further infringes on the rights of Oregonians to protect their property from predators.

Sincerely,

Baker County Board of Commissioners:

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