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We are a Ranching Family living in Silver Lake Oregon. Last Summer we had 2 calves come into our private ground next to our Forest permit that had been chewed on by a wolf.

Jon Muir (ODFW) came and examined the first one and made the determination that it was a wolf attack. The Second one showed up at same place few days later. Our daughter-in-law took pictures and sent them on to Jon, same outcome. We doctored both calves and managed to save them, but we also had 3 cows that were turned out in that area come back in without calves. We then found out that 2 miles south of our private land is a wolf den with 1 male, 1 female and 4 pups!

Our Ranch lies in the Silver Lake Mule deer winter Range. These wolves have helped wipe out our mule deer population, the elk herd around here is split up and declining with no end in sight.

We are sending this letter in support of measure SB 0777 for compensation payouts of 7-1. We should not have to put up with these wolves, but if we do we should be properly compensated for our losses. We would truly rather have our livestock back than the compensation tho.

Thank you for your time reading our testimony.

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