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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB777

Dear Honorable Committee Members on the Natural Resources and Wildfire
Committee:

Thank you for your service to the State of Oregon.

I oppose this bill absolutely.

Our wolves are facing terrible odds at survival, with climate change, loss of habitat and the cruelty of ranchers and others who want to eliminate wolves. Wolves are suffering great cruelty from humans, as we can all note in what has and is happening in Wyoming. Oregon is better than that. We need to support ranchers who are actively using non-lethal strategies to protect their animals from predation by wolves and other predators. By paying such outrageous "compensation" to ranchers for alleged loss in livestock, we devalue the efforts to use non-lethal, practical methods. Ranchers are already over-paid for alleged livestock loss due to wolves. As an Oregonian, I do not want my money going to support ranchers who blame wolves (and exaggerate wolf predation) and thusly have funds depleted in such a way that leaves less or little to help ranchers who choose to use non-lethal strategies to prevent predation.

Thank you.

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