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On Behalf Of: Lost Valley Ranch

Committee: Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB777

Lost Valley Ranch is located in North Central Oregon. We run a Cow/Calf operation in Gilliam & Wheeler Counties where our operation has been affected significantly by wolves and their presence. We also lease pasture in Grant County.

We support SB 777. In the past 4 years, wolves have been present within our cattle herd, killing at least one calf that we know of and injuring one other. Some other carcasses have been found that are suspected, but we cannot confirm. This is only just the beginning. They are becoming more and more brave and make the trek right behind our houses every so often. Fortunately, we haven't lost any more animals to them.

This bill is the start of the conversation about how to help producers mitigate SOME of the losses associated with wolves. It doesn't cure the problem, but it is a step in the right direction. As producers we care deeply for our livestock and the well-being of them, we are committed to protecting them.

If we have to learn to live with the wolves and our livestock, at least this bill is a small sliver of hope that maybe in the future more will be done to protect Oregon's hard working agriculture families.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Greene