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Wildfire  
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Subject: Testimony Regarding SB 777 Wolf Compensation

To the Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and  
Wildfire

My name is Gabrielle Molinari Homer, and I am involved in both the cattle and beef industries residing in Fossil, Oregon. I am writing to respectfully submit my testimony in favor of action on wolf compensation. I know you are reading many comments and positions relating to this issue. Personally I would like to focus on the fact that wolf depredation is not only a financial concern, it is an emotional and mental concern and it is causing a great deal of stress to ranchers across entire sections of the state.

The fact that wolves were released was outside the control of the ranchers. The actions of the wolves is outside the control of the ranchers. The determinations of the ODFW are outside the control of the ranchers. As so many issues that face our ranching community, the lack of control creates a level of anxiety and stress that is often without any form of outlet or recourse.

Providing economic stability for the risks and damages created by wolf depredation would provide a great deal of support to ranchers trying to just survive some very challenging market and financial conditions.

I highly encourage consideration and passage of meaningful financial support with the 7/1 multiplier for both the reason of both missing cattle as well as loss of future revenues from killed cattle. As the economic revenue driver for ranching, the cattle are an asset that is protected by the ranchers from birth to death. There is an emotional attachment as well as a financial attachment. Putting that asset at risk with introduction of an apex predator and no ability to protect oneself, ones family and other animals has proven to be a huge burden to the industry.

Please consider doing everything possible to provide relief.

Sincerely,  
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