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I support SB 777 and I encourage the Oregon Legislature to pass this reasonable measure. Although there is an existing wolf depredation program, it needs to be replaced with SB 777 to provide adequate compensation to Oregon's farmers and ranchers. The existing wolf program has at least two failures: 1. the funding is inadequate, 2. it is so daunting to attain "approval" that most ranchers don't bother. The second factor is the main reason there are not more wolf depreciations recorded. SB 777 will help account for the loss of progeny from female stock killed (a typical cow can produce 10-12 years), for those killed stock that are never found or cannot be proven as wolf kills, and for aspects such as decreased conception rates, lower body condition scores from harassed stock, and medicine/time in care for injured stock. As someone who simply cares and as President of Baker County Livestock Association, I ask for your help in passing this measure.