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

Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash and committee members,
I have lived in Oregon my entire life, and part of what makes Oregon special is its wildlife and wild lands, such as the lands in the territory of wolves.
Wolves and people can co-exist when there are the proper measures in place to deter wolves, and appropriate compensation for loss in furtherance of tolerance of wild wolves on our wild landscapes. Wolves are a keystone species that is very important to our state.

I do not support SB777 as introduced, nor with the -5 amendments, as I don't think it is appropriate nor in the public interest, to apply a multiplier to any payout, nor compensate for missing livestock that is not attributed to a confirmed or likely wolf depredation. The multiplier would deplete the fund more quickly and would not provide the appropriate incentives for co-existing with wolves on the landscape.

Thank you.