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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: SB777

I have lived in Oregon my entire life. Born in the valley, I've spent most of my adult life in rural Wasco County. A bit part of what makes Oregon special is its wildlife and its wild lands which include 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.

I OPPOSE THIS BILL.