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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2403

I oppose Bill 2403, which would allow for “predator damage districts” to fund the federal “Wildlife Services” to kill Oregon’s wildlife (i.e., wolves, bears, bobcats, foxes, cougars, beavers, coyotes, etc.) which are considered a threat to private property, without having to use or consider non-lethal methods. I am appalled to learn that in 2023 Wildlife Services killed 124,826 native animals in Oregon, including 237 bears, 2,664 coyotes, 114 mountain lions, and 80 red foxes, using methods including neck and leg snares, steel-jawed leghold traps, cage traps, and aerial gunning; and 55 coyote and red fox dens, where young pups are kept, were gassed. They have already shown their total lack of humane feeling or respect for wildlife. When they win their war on wildlife future generations of Oregonians will be the losers: a state with little or no wildlife left.