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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2403

I'm writing to urge you to OPPOSE HB 2403.

When conflicts exist between wildlife and property owners, the priority should always be on finding ways for humans to peacefully coexist with other animals, and the solutions should always be nonlethal.

The money raised via this bill would go to the abominable Wildlife Services, which has a documented history of cruel and unnecessary killing of wildlife.

We Oregonians love our wild animals, and our legislators should refuse to approve programs that promote even more cruel killing, especially since scientific studies increasingly show that killing animals such as cougars, bears, and coyotes does NOT reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

Please vote NO on HB 2403 and focus on peaceful strategies for humans and wildlife to coexist.

Thank you.