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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2403

Dear House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water,

I strongly oppose HB 2403. It is appalling to me that Wildlife Services killed 124,826 native animals in Oregon, including 237 bears, 2,664 coyotes, 114 mountain lions, and 80 red foxes in 2023. This is a disgraceful use of taxpayer dollars. Nonlethal conflict reduction MUST be prioritized and death should be a last resort. I cannot even imagine the number of non-target animals killed with leghold traps, snares and poison, including owls, raptors, pets, etc.

Thank you in advance for voting no on HB 2403