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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 Members,

I am writing to oppose HB 2403 which allows for outdated and cruel killing methods of Oregon's wildlife without having to even consider non-lethal control. It is time to defund Wildlife Services, a controversial program that, in 2023, 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. Nonlethal wildlife conflict reduction should always be prioritized, and we should not be increasing any funding that goes toward killing wildlife using inhumane methods. Thank you for your time.

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