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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2403

I am asking you to oppose House Bill 2403. This bill would allow special government districts to raise money for killing wildlife only because the animals might damage private property. House Bill 2403 would not require recipients of the money to use or even consider using alternatives that don't require killing the animals. Moreover, the money raised would go to the federal "Wildlife Services" program, which is known for cruel and unnecessary killing of wildlife as its preferred method of dealing with human-wildlife conflicts. Oregon should focus instead on finding peaceful ways to co-exist with wildlife. I don't want scarce public resources used to pay for the unnecessary and ineffective slaughter of native wildlife. I don't want any of my tax dollars to go to any such special districts and I don't want the state to sanction them. Thank you.