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On Behalf Of: Lost Valley Ranch

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

Appointment or Topic: SB777

Lost Valley Ranch is located in North Central Oregon. We run a Cow/Calf operation in Gilliam & Wheeler Counties where our operation has been affected significantly by wolves and their presence. We also lease pasture in Grant County. We support SB 777.

In the past 4 years, wolves have been present within our cattle herd, killing at least two calves that we know of and injuring one other. The most recent happening at the end of March 2025. In this instance, we could have witnessed it happening if we had been a few minutes earlier. This kill was a 400-pound fall calf in the middle of a meadow along a county road. The wolf was there when we got there and was clearly not afraid.

Some other carcasses have been found that are suspected, but we cannot confirm. This is only just the beginning. They are becoming more and more brave and make the trek right behind our houses every so often.

This bill is the start of the conversation about how to help producers mitigate SOME of the losses associated with wolves. It doesn't cure the problem, but it is a step in the right direction. As producers, we care deeply for our livestock and the well-being of them, we are committed to protecting them. If we have to learn to live with the wolves and our livestock, at least this bill is a small sliver of hope that maybe in the future more will be done to protect Oregon's hard working agriculture families.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Greene