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## OPPOSITION TO STATE OF OREGON SENATE BILL 835

### Introduction

I , Arlo Crutcher, an enrolled member of the Fort McDermitt Paiute/Shoshone Tribe of Oregon/Nevada, do hereby oppose the State of Oregon Senate Bill 835 based on the written and verbal facts herein presented:

### History

Here is a brief history of my personal experience growing up in a ranching, rodeo lifestyle with horses and cattle. My experience, knowledge and traditions were handed down from four (4) generations of both native and buckaroo lifestyles. At a very young age we were taught to care for and handle livestock in a caring manner, because the livestock belonged to Dad or Grandpa. Handling horses with ropes during branding, castrating and haltering is where and when I learned the skills of roping and laying them down. I am a fifty-one year old man/rancher and still use and teach my children the methods and care used on the open range or in the arena of horses and cattle. As a parent and guide to my children, I will continue teaching these methods to my children for their safety, as well as the livestock's safety, when being handled.

### Misconception of the Horse Tripping Bill 835

First, the Horse Tripping Bill 835 presentation to inform the public has totally been blown out of proportion by the animal rights activists. There have been many false and ridiculously negative accusations made on the internet and the news media. You Tube videos have been edited to make the situations look really bad and incomplete and does not show the part of the video, for the world to see, the fact that the horse jumped right up and ran out of the arena unharmed. I can verify this fact myself, as I was there at the arena when this video was taken, and seen it. As I stated before in

my testimony, I have had many years and experience in handling livestock all throughout my life. It is a way of life that I value and live everyday. This is the first opportunity for me to speak out against this proposed bill. I have not yet had the opportunity to see all of the evidence wherein this bill was presented before the State of Oregon Senate. What type of evidence was presented to consider and promote this bill? The reason I ask this question is that the facts that I have presented have not been edited or misguided, as the facts are of my life as a rancher and all of the generations behind the teachings and lifestyle that we live.

### Closing Statement

I am speaking up for our way of life , and the future generations to come, to be able to continue the many teachings of the ranching life skills and knowledge passed down. There is a great cultural gap between rural individuals to the people that live in the cities. The majority of Americans came from a country/agricultural background and some chose to make the change to the urban lifestyle and others chose to stay in the traditional country/agricultural life. Why does someone else have the right to take away from another individual their way of life, just because they do not agree with it? This proposed bill will only cause a greater opportunity for the urban activists to continue to violate the freedoms of the rural communities. We ask that you please vote NO for the proposed State of Oregon Senate Bill 835.

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to submit my opposition to State of Oregon Senate Bill 835.

Respectfully submitted,

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