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The Honorable Tina Kotek  
Speaker of the House  
H-269 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301

The Honorable Peter Courtney  
Senate President  
S-201 State Capital  
Salem, OR 97301

Speaker Kotek & Senator Courtney,

We were pleased recently to announce the successful resolution of our legal challenge to the state's authority to kill endangered gray wolves. HB3452B represents an historic agreement between Oregon Wild, Cascadia Wildlands, ODFW, and the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. We join Governor Kitzhaber in supporting the bill in its current form and request that you oppose any amendments that would jeopardize the agreement which came out of seventeen months of intense negotiations.

If this bill is passed and all sides honor the agreements they have made, we believe Oregon's fragile wolf recovery will stay on track, livestock husbandry will improve, killing wolves will be an option of last resort, and ODFW will operate with more transparency. Essentially, this gets us back to the wolf plan we thought we had in 2005. Taken together with Oregon's existing compensation program and support for non-lethal measures, the plan sets a national standard for balancing the public's interest in wildlife conservation with demands from the livestock industry.

We expect that through more work, experience, communication, and trust between parties, Oregon can ensure that unnecessary conflict around wildlife will continue to decrease and Oregon will live up to its highest public values – including the conservation of native wildlife. To get there, we urge you to support HB3452B and oppose any amendments.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Members of the Oregon Legislature

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