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Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
Representative Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair
Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources
900 Court St NE Room H-178
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

I am offering this letter of support for the Oregon Department of Agriculture Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance County Block Grant Program.

According to statistics provided by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the wolf populations in Oregon have steadily grown. Wolf depredation continues to have a financial effect on livestock producers in Oregon. The Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance County Block Grant Program will provide our counties with much needed assistance in implementing wolf depredation compensation programs. These programs offer financial assistance to ranchers suffering from loss or injury to livestock, and to those who have implemented non-lethal wolf deterrent techniques and livestock management programs.

On behalf of Wheeler County, I urge the Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources to continue its support and allocation of funds to the Oregon Department of Agriculture Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance County Block Grant Program.

Sincerely,

Patrick C. Perry
Wheeler County Court Judge