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**From:** ann.cahill27@comcast.net  
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**To:** Raszka Shelley  
**Subject:** Bill HB3515

Dear Members of the Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee:

I am contacting you to please kill HB3515. I have read that the majority of Oregonians support maintaining full protections for Oregon's wolves until a healthy, genetically viable and self-sustaining population of this keystone species is well-established in the state. This bill will go against those wishes.

77 wolves are confirmed in Oregon with only seven wolves known outside of the NE. This number is a long way from recovered. This bill would put wolf management in the hands of politicians and special interests. Wolf management belongs in the professional hands of the ODFW and not with those who publicly spout hatred of this Keystone species.

Years of work has produced the Oregon Wolf Plan, which has set a national standard for enlightened, scientifically rational wolf management. I have read about the good work here. This could be a model.

If a bill like this were to pass, it would set a precedent which could be applied to any endangered or threatened species and would entirely politicize what should be a scientific process. This is a fight already happening at the national level. Just like the revered ESA, why would you ever want the political process to take the place of the good work that Oregon has done with scientifically proven methods?

Oregon is a state distinguished for reverence and protection of its natural heritage including diverse wildlife. Don't let this Bill betray the environmental values cherished by the vast majority of Oregon voters.

For these reasons and more, I urge you to vote against this Bill.

Respectfully,

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