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Dear Members of the Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee:

PLEASE kill HB3515.

This bill would overturn the repeatedly affirmed desire of the majority of Oregonians to maintain full protections for Oregon's wolves until a healthy, genetically viable and self-sustaining population of this keystone species is well-established in our state.

Right now only 77 confirmed wolves occupy Oregon's 97,000 square miles, with only seven wolves known outside of NE Oregon. This is far from a recovered population and we are only beginning to see the potential for recovery here in Southern OR where I live.

HB3515 would remove wolf management from the professional hands of the ODFW and put it under the entirely unscientific hand of politicians and special interests, some of whom openly profess their dislike of this animal.

It would undo years of work which has produced the Oregon Wolf Plan, which has a set a national standard for enlightened, scientifically rational wolf management.

This Bill would set a precedent which could be applied to any endangered or threatened species and would entirely politicize what should be a scientific process.

Oregon is a state distinguished for reverence and protection of its natural heritage including diverse wildlife. This Bill would 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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