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House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee:

I am writing to urge the defeat of H.B. 3515: Prohibits State Fish and Wildlife Commission from including gray wolf on list of threatened or endangered species.

The management of gray wolves is complex and fraught with emotion. It is also in its infancy. Wolves are still quite few in number, they may well BE endangered in Oregon, we may well WANT to include them as endangered species if they are rare. The ecosystem - that we are a part of – may well need wolves for optimum health.

At the same time, there are farmers and ranchers who find wolves a nuisance, or worse: threatening to their livelihood. We need to take their concerns seriously and find ways to support all citizens.

It is too early in the game to decide that wolves are unworthy of our protection. It does not seem to be a good idea to decide this soon that they cannot ever be listed as endangered.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Chris Albert, DVM

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