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To whom it concerns,

I would like to make a public comment on State Bill H3515 concerning the ban of wolves from the endangered species list in Oregon permanently. I strongly disagree with this bill and its language that leaves no room for the nature that surrounds us. This bill would overturn the majority of Oregonians wish 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. Despite those who would claim that large predators harm their livelihood, it is proven that wolves do not account for any major portion of livestock loss when they are introduced in an area. In fact almost all wolf interaction can be eliminated with a couple smart ranching techniques that are not burdensome. Wolves are a strong natural predator that are needed to cull herds of wild deer and elk and, as shown with research in Yellowstone National Park, help to make ecosystems healthier and more natural. This leads to cleaner water, healthier biodiversity, and cleaner air. Wolves are threatened by human misconception and fear mongering. They require protection from those with level heads who understand their importance.

Please protect the wolves of Oregon,

Elliot Boyle