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Hello, I am writing to oppose state bill HB3515. Oregon has been on the forefront of wolf recovery and has the most famous wolf, OR7 aka Journey, outside of Yellowstone National Park.

Please follow the science and not base fears. Wolves are keystone predators and benefit the environment.

If protections are removed, you and I know what will happen. OR7 and his family will be hunted and murdered. Think of the other wolves from Oregon who crossed the border into Idaho and who were instantly shot a stones throw from the hunters lying in wait.

Help your ranchers with non lethal methods to coexist with wolves. Number one, they need to remove dead animals immediately to not attract predators. (many ranchers leave carcasses to attract wolves so they can collect federal compensation from a wolf kill. But what they are actually doing is bringing wolves to their herd and giving them a taste of cattle/sheep which is easier prey than elk.)

Save the wolves and educate ranchers.

Thank you,

Stacey Patton