

Raszka Shelley

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I care deeply about co-existing with Oregon's wildlife and I oppose these five anti-predator bills: HB 3515, HB 2050, HB 3140, HB 3188, and HB 3514.

Scientific studies show that exterminating predators at the the top of the food chain creates a chain of negative effects on the ecology. I support the irreplaceable roles that wolves, cougars, and other native predators play in sustaining our environment.

I oppose, as do a majority of Oregon's voters, the cruel and inhumane practice of hound-hunting of cougars. I support the re-entry of wolves in Oregon as an essential part of Oregon's natural heritage and maintaining protection for them under the Endangered Species Act. I support the use of nonlethal tools and strategies to prevent conflicts between wolves and livestock.

I value Oregon's predators. Coyotes live in my neighborhood, and I appreciate their presence as indicators of a healthy and functioning ecology, and as providers of non-toxic rodent control.

The less we disturb animals in the wild, the better off the planet and all of its inhabitants will be.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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