

## Raszka Shelley

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**To:** Raszka Shelley  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wildlife Protection in the State of Oregon

Hello Shelley,

Hope your week is going well. I wanted to reach out to you today regarding several bill trying to be passed in the state of Oregon which weaken wildlife protections. I want this email to be used in a tally against the passing of each of these bills:

- 1.) HB 3515
- 2.) HB 2050
- 3.) HB 3140
- 4.) HB 3188
- 5.) HB 3514

Scientists in collaboration with academic research teams have run studies which indicate that Oregon's wolf population will need to remain protected if it is to survive. Wolves are critical to the long-term health of the environments which house them.

All other predators which these bills aim to weaken protections on are critical to the health of other populations as well. The important thing to remember is that POOR protections on these species will likely result in IRREPARABLE damage to Oregon's wild lands - overgrazing and an imbalance in the ratio of animals with different roles. All of these predators exist on your lands for a reason: they belong and they are needed.

Please don't fall under the assumption that people will only kill these animals when absolutely necessary. Many will be hunted to the point of extinction in your state - as has been demonstrated throughout the history of the American gray wolf (which has recently struggled with a reintroduction due to the prejudice of people unwilling to find a more humane way).

Instead, please encourage/support your citizens to buy non-lethal deterrents like Great Pyrenees dogs, or inexpensive streamers that tie easily to the fence. These have been successful deterrents for the farmers embracing these methods.

Human-wildlife conflicts can be avoided by educating your community on how to properly react when encountering a wild animals. This could be easily implemented by collaborating with universities who could offer lectures/presentations to your state's high school students.

Please consider your state's environment and protect your wildlife from fear-based killing. Work to build a community which can coexist with the nature surrounding it.

Sam