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Subject: Anti-Predator House Bills

I am extremely concerned to learn about the existence of bills in the House that are extremely anti-predator and meant to defeat the intent of the voter-approved Measure 18 regarding hunting in this State. House bills 2050, 3140, 3188, 3514 and 3515 are aimed against wolves, cougars, and other natural predators of Oregon.

From what I understand, one of these bills would allow the use of dogs in hunting cougars, something that Oregon voters have rejected repeatedly. I understand that another of these bills would prohibit the State from passing any regulations in defense of wolves. I want you to know that as an Oregon resident I am proud of Measure 18 and laws passed to defend wildlife and wild lands. I am proud that the many, many organizations across this country trying to stop the second annihilation of wolves (being led by Idaho, Wyoming, and other western states) have recognized Oregon's protection of wolves to be a model for other states.

I do not want to see the small population of trophy hunters and ranchers in this state get their way in cramming through laws that the vast majority of voters in Oregon do NOT support. That is exactly what has happened in the western states that are well on their way to completely extirpating wolves within their borders. I do not want to see ANY wildlife hunted with dogs. Hunting for subsistence is one thing. Hunting for trophies and destroying the ecological balance in Oregon by wiping out predators is quite another.

Predators are a key to the health of wildlife and wild lands in Oregon. Please do what you know the majority in Oregon want. Use Measure 18 as your guide to the wishes of Oregon's majority of voters when it comes to management of Oregon's natural predators.

Because I am disabled I cannot attend Thursday's public hearing. Please consider these comments to be my hearing remarks.