



Oregon Sheep Growers Association

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Representative Brad Witt, Chairman
House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

Chairman Witt,

I am writing this message in support of HB 3188.1. I am Chairman of the Sheep Commission and the past president of the Oregon Sheep Growers Association. I have been actively involved in the Agriculture industry of Douglas County since 1971. I am not a large livestock producer with only 50 head of sheep but I am a small producer who is in strong support of any perspective solution to manage the predators that impact our income potential. I believe this bill is essential to the viability of the livestock industry of the county. This measure will only impact those that desire to be a part of the Predator Management District. This will provide the citizens of Douglas County the opportunity to determine the value of the district and provide valuable information for future districts in other areas.

If I owned a business in any city in Douglas County and someone removed my ability to enjoy a reasonable livelihood, the local Police agency would be called and the crook would be prosecuted. In my business, when a predator attacks the products that I sell to ensure a reasonable income, the only resource I have is myself. I anticipate the passage of this bill so producers will have the tools for success.

Sincerely,

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