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Dear Members of the Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee--

Please kill HB3515, not the wolves.

The majority of Oregonians have repeatedly stated that they desire to maintain full protections for Oregon's wolves. This bill would overturn that desire on the part of the people of Oregon. We do not yet have a healthy, genetically viable and self-sustaining population of this important predator in our state.

At present, we have confirmed that only 77 wolves occupy Oregon's 97,000 square miles; there are only 7 wolves known outside of northeast Oregon. This is far from a recovered population.

HB3515 would remove wolf management from the professional hands of the ODFW and put it under the entirely unscientific hand of politicians and special interests, some of whom have displayed a hatred of wolves that is beyond all reason. We should not cater to these special interests.

It would undo the years of work that produced the Oregon Wolf Plan, which has set a national standard for enlightened, scientifically rational wolf management.

This Bill would set a precedent that could be applied to any endangered or threatened species and would entirely politicize what should be a scientific process. It is very dangerous to give bad politics power over good science!

Oregon is a state distinguished for reverence and protection of its natural heritage including diverse wildlife. This Bill would betray the environmental values cherished by the vast majority of Oregon voters.

I urge you to vote against this Bill.

Respectfully,

Susan Christie
Citizen of Oregon