

Chair Witt,

Harney County respectfully requests that you grant a panel for the opposing side of HB 2728. As we know you are the sponsor of this bill, we recognize that you would want both sides of this issue fully represented to the public. We are requesting a three member panel be allowed at the beginning of the hearing today at 3:20. We have a list of panel members compiled and willing to provide expert testimony that would allow for equal representation on this issue. We were not aware prior to the proceedings on Tuesday that you were allowing a panel of proponents or that there was an opportunity for a panel of opponents to present our concerns more fully. We strongly encourage you to provide the opportunity now.

We strongly opposed this bill in prior sessions, but we have never had equal access to participate on the bill due to the hardship of time and travel to Salem. We welcome the virtual platform and appreciate the opportunity we now have to participate fully in these proceedings.

We also request that we are able to provide the 6 names for the witness list. We received the list last night and have reviewed who was able to testify on Tuesday and who is still available for testimony. I know that a few of those people who didn't get the opportunity to testify have gotten a link to the hearing, but were unsure how to get the rest of the names for our panel to the committee and how to get them a link to join.

During the hearing on Tuesday Harney County, its citizens, and predator control in our area were called out specifically many times throughout the proceedings. This is why we feel that our requests should be granted.

Sincerely,

Kristen Shelman

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Harney County Commissioner

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Panel List:

Rod Curtis, rodcurtis57@gmail.com

Rod is a resident of Harney County. He is also worked as a trapper for forty years and was the last trapper assigned to Harney County.

Kristen Shelman, Harney County Commissioner, kristen.shelman@co.harney.or.us,

Commissioner Shelman would like to have more time to speak on behalf of her constituents and about the issue of local predator control.

We are awaiting confirmation of this individual being able to participate today.

Witness List:

Ty Reid

Skyler McColm

Rusty Inglis

Lake County Commissioner James Williams

Lake County Commissioner Barry Shullanberger