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I would gladly support a Wolf Compensation Fund that was used for non-lethal preventative measures and as the Oregon representative of the Humane Society of United States points out, would "provide financial assistance to livestock owners who verifiably lost livestock to wolves, and help build tolerance and coexistence."

However it has become more expedient to rely on the inhumane approach of killing wolves, perpetuating a war on nature here in Oregon. I do not want to see further "misuse, waste and abuse of these funds coupled with a lack of increased tolerance for wolves" (HSUS). I do not want my tax money to go to the Fund, which is in need of "more accountability and transparency" (HSUS).

I am against providing the Fund with an additional one million dollars until the public can sufficiently be assured that money goes to methods of dealing with wolves humanely and "support livestock operators for direct losses and build tolerance for wolves" (HSUS).