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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, and Water

Measure: HB4127

I urge a NO on this bill. Throwing more large amounts of money (after what was added last year) for compensation for livestock losses without adequate accountability is un-reasonable. All businesses face potential losses, and ranching is the same. Businesses must take precautions and have reasonable practices to avoid possible losses as much as possible. Checks are needed to make sure funds are reasonable and deserved. Ranching always faces livestock loss risk from weather, disease, injury, etc. It is even possible that ranching organizations and some ranchers want the cost of compensation for losses related to wolves to be so high that they are given the go-ahead to kill wolves with no restrictions, and eliminate Oregon's wolves. Please do not pass this bill.