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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: HB4080

I am writing in strong opposition to HB 4080, which would allow so-called "predator damage control districts" to collect money from property owners for spending on "predator control." As an Oregonian who prioritizes the humane treatment of animals, any legislation that supports lethal wildlife "control" measures is absolutely unacceptable to me. Therefore, I hope the Committee will vote no on this bill.

HB 4080 would not even require recipients of the money to use, or even *consider* using, nonlethal alternatives. And USDA's Wildlife Services program, which would receive the funds from this program, is known for its cruel and unnecessary killing of wildlife as its preferred method of dealing with human-wildlife conflicts. This is barbaric, backwards, and unacceptable.

Harmonious coexistence with wild animals should be Oregon's public policy priority. HB 4080 does just the opposite.

Thank you in advance for voting NO on HB 4080.