

February 8, 2022

Chair Pam Marsh

Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Oregon House of Representatives

Salem, Oregon

RE: HB 4080

Dear Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee:

As the current chair of the Coos County Predator Damage Control District Advisory Board I am writing to you in support of HB 4080. Having the district since 2017 has allowed the participants to have consistent service to protect livestock and crops without constant work on securing funding through grants and county funding. Removing the sunset clause and reinstating districts will allow those paying for the program through their districts to maintain this critical program.

Our district utilizes the experience and services of Wildlife Specialists with APHIS, USDA to provide the expertise in solving damage issues. They have access and training to employ the most effective means of control and the knowledge to assist landowners and producers in preventing future damage.

Thank you for your consideration of the important changes contained in HB 4080 and the importance of the damage control districts to rural Oregon.

Sincerely,

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