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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB4080

I am writing today to voice my **STRONG** opposition to HB 4040. My understanding is that the money collected to fund county services to “prevent/reduce damage to property by predatory wildlife” would actually be used by the federal program “Wildlife Services”. This program is

well known for it’s cruel and unnecessary killing of wildlife on **PUBLIC** and private lands , using poisoning, trapping, snaring, aerial gunning, and paid hunters. In 2020 alone “Wildlife Services” killed 201,606 animals **IN OREGON ALONE**. Furthermore, there is **NO** requirement in HB4040 to first try non-lethal measures to manage property/wildlife conflicts before using lethal measures. I am also very uncomfortable that the “districts” created by this bill would **NOT** be accountable to the public, and that there is **NO** stakeholder group to oversee whether Wildlife Services funding actually results in unnecessary and excessive killing of Oregon’s wildlife.

I am asking the Oregon Legislature to **OPPOSE** HB 4040.