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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: HB4080

Please oppose House Bill 4080. This bill would allow special government districts to raise money for killing wildlife only because the animals might damage private property. House Bill 4080 would not require recipients of the money to use or even consider using alternatives that don't require killing the animals. Moreover, the money raised would go to the federal "Wildlife Services" program, which is known for cruel and unnecessary killing of wildlife as its preferred method of dealing with human-wildlife conflicts. Oregon should focus instead on finding peaceful ways to co-exist with wildlife. Legislators should not be approving programs to give Wildlife Services even more money to do even more killing, especially since the science increasingly shows all that killing doesn't work to reduce problems caused by wildlife and may even make them worse.