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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB3214

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My name is Bernadette McKee. I was signed up to remotely speak today at the public hearing regarding HB 3214 and I was never given my civic right to voice my concerns and perspectives regarding this bill, so I am now providing a written testimony.

First of all, I do not feel it is acceptable for our State Representative to end a meeting until ALL Oregonian who have signed up to provide testimony have the ability to speak. You are here to serve us "We the People".

When we have taken time out of our busy schedules to provide testimony regarding a Bill that causes us great concern, we deserve to be heard.

I signed up to speak on behalf of members of our Farmer and Rancher Communities, who work in the arenas of 4H and Rodeo.

We believe that this bill is very confusing, vague, and lacks transparency regarding its overall intention, so we ask that this bill does not progress any further until it can be re-written to give clear protection to the 4H, Rodeo, and Ranching Communities.

Listening to Rep. Zach Hudson this morning was very concerning because it was clear, he was unable to give a clear, concise, and transparent synopsis of this bill. He seem very nervous and avoided or danced around the topic of how this bill would affect the 4H and Rodeo animals along with the entire community of people who work in these areas.

I feel the way this bill exists right now leaves an open door for Oregonians in these fields to be considered violators of this proposed bill and be charged with a criminal act and unnecessarily persecuted or fined. This bill needs be stopped at this point and should not proceed any further until the writers and supporters of this bill can rewrite it and be 100% transparent in their intentions of this bill. It was clear they were talking about their concerns about "circus animals", but they have issues with more than just circus animals.

Please stop with the lies or half-truths to get your agenda passed. The majority of Oregonians are tired and disgusted with how some our representatives continually draft up vague and confusing bills, so they can get them passed into law.

Ballot Measures 110, 111, 112,113, and 114 over the last couple election cycles are perfect examples of bills that are very confusing, vague, and pull at people's heart string, so they can get them passed.

Oregonians want transparency from our Representative and for them to listen to ALL

of their constituents not just the ones that they agree with.  
Today's public hearing was a perfect example of this. The committee heard testimony for more individual who were for HB3214 than those who were opposed and they there was a large number of us who were cut off and not allowed to speak.  
Newsflash....this is not Democracy in action.

Sincerely,

Bernadette McKee  
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