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

Dear House Committee on Judiciary members,
I just hope that all of you voting on HB 3214 will stop and think about the damage passing this bill will have on Oregon in general

First of all, the fact that you would even consider making it illegal for 4H animals to be shown is a disgrace. 4H has been an integral part of many children's lives, both rural and urban. It teaches ethics, morals, values, and skills that are vital to the success of any professional in any industry. If you aren't familiar with 4H and what it does for our young adolescents and adults, maybe you can take some of your precious time to learn about it because if you knew what a wonderful organization it is, you would definitely never vote yes on HB 3214.

Secondly, a yes vote on HB 3214 would also essentially ban fairs and rodeos. Again, if you don't like attending fairs and rodeos then don't, but to sit atop your political high horse and feel like you should control all those people that do enjoy and benefit, not just economically from them. is simply just you exerting power and control over your constituents and our State. You also can tell me how horrible rodeos are for the animals that participate, hence HB 3214, but if you are around livestock at all or have any experience with livestock, show stock, 4H animals, etc. you would know they are treated far better than most of your own cats and dogs. Not to mention, urban kids that aren't on ranches and farms have little chance of getting introduced to large animals and agriculture and whether you are willing to admit it or not, farmers and ranchers are essential to feeding America.

I know many of you have become so out of touch with reality when it comes to you creating and voting on various bills that come across your desk, but maybe there would be much less disdain for politicians and politics in general if you had more of a "teamwork" attitude. Have many of you forgotten where you came from? How you got to where you are? Just because you are voted into your position doesn't mean you get to call all your own shots. Maybe you should take more time when you aren't in session to beat the pavement or the dirt roads and find out how this bill you are asked to pass is going to affect the very people that voted you in. Furthermore, just because Eugene and Portland don't like rodeos and fairs or 4H, doesn't mean the majority of Oregon should have to give them up. You are all preaching Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, but I'm starting to believe you only support certain types of diversity. Sadly, as I age, I'm learning that common sense and politician don't belong in the same sentence. Many of you continue to misuse the power and control given to you by your constituents and your ability to work on their behalf has become your

lowest priority.

Please educate yourself on the ramifications of this bill passing. If you think it's just going to keep animals from being abused, you are sadly mistaken.

Thanks for your time and attention to this matter.

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