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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB777

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, and Members of the House  
Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,  
I oppose SB777.

This bill places the focus on rewarding ranchers who have killed a wolf after a  
livestock encounter. The threat to livestock by wolf attack is rare. This is an  
inappropriate use of legislators' time and our money, especially during these stressful  
financial times.

Instead of focusing on how to reward ranchers, perhaps inadvertently enticing them,  
we should s prioritize effective approaches to protecting both livestock and Oregon's  
recovering wolf population. We need to learn to live with the animals who lived here  
before us, not annihilate them.

Thabnk you.