

## Watts Remy

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**From:** Cyndi Karp <cyndikarp@peak.org>  
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**To:** SENR Exhibits  
**Cc:** Rep Gomberg; #.LC Comm. Claire Hall; COTTAM Douglas F; ODA Environmental Justice Task Force; ODEQ Director Richard Whitman; OR US Senator Ron Wyden; OR US Senator Jeff Merkley; OR U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader James Adkins; US BLM Nikki Haskett Community Partners  
**Subject:** Support SB 580 Prohibits use of cyanide devices to control wildlife

Dear Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources,  
Honorable Sen. Michael Dembrow, Chair, Sen. Alan Olsen, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Cliff Bentz, Sen. Floyd Prozanski & Sen. Arnie Roblan,

I strongly support SB 580. Which prohibits use of cyanide devices to control wildlife. My family has had personal experience with cyanide explosion devices to control wildlife. When I was young, one of our favorite family things to do was to go target practicing out in the desert of western Colorado. This was in the early 1960's, where we hunted rabbits.

My younger sister was about 8. She was collecting trash of spent brass & plastic shot gun shells. I was a few feet away watching her closely, like I always did. She tried to pickup a standing shot gun shell. When, Vicky pulled on the shell, it exploded in her hand. Instantly, she was bleeding profusely.

I helped her, holding her bloody hand, yelling for Mom & Dad at the top of my voice. I ran with her to Mom & Dad running to us. I was terrified. Mom & Dad asked me what happened. I told them Vicky was collecting old shot gun shells & one exploded. We quickly gathered everyone & things. We were at least 20 miles from the hospital. Dad drove safe, but fast as he could. Mom was holding Vicky's hand trying to stop the bleeding. Vicky was acting strange & lethargic, not normal. She was in shock. As was Mom, Dad, my little brother Ralph & myself. All worried sick.

When we finally got to the hospital, they rushed her into the Emergency Room. After explaining to the Doctor, what she was doing, collecting shells. The Doctor said, "Vicky is a very lucky girl. If she had grabbed the Cyanide explosion device without her hand over the top of the device, she would be dead." The Doctor knew immediately what had happened. He had seen other patients with the same injury. Vicky got her picture on the front page with her hand wrapped in gauze. Smiling from ear to ear. She should have been. She was alive. My Dad wrote letters to Congress, the BLM, local representatives & anybody that might listen. No one listened.

Nobody would take action to stop the use of cyanide devices to protect people from being harmed or killed by the devices. They only agreed to put more signs.

I have written numerous letters through out the years to attempt to stop the use of Cyanide devices to kill wildlife. But they also kill dogs, funny dogs don't read signs. These devices have long caused damage & death to unintended victims. Banning Cyanide Explosion Devices is Long Over Due.

Please fully support SB 580, Prohibits Use of Cyanide Devices to Control Wildlife. Walking it though, until Governor Kate Browns signs SB 580.

Thank you for your full consideration of this critical issue extremely dangerous for the safety of People, Visitors, Pets & Wildlife.

Sincerely,

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