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Hello Chair Marsh and members of the Committee,

Wildlife and farmers will always be in conflict, it is just a fact of nature. Order vs. chaos, it is simply unavoidable.

I am not a farmer, rancher or agricultural professional, nor am I a biologist. However I do care greatly about wildlife and I care greatly about the people who work to raise our food. Therefore, I ask that any decision made related to predator control management be based on science and data.

After reading some of the testimony on this bill, I wonder of those writing in opposition to this proposal: If we do nothing, as a state, to collectively mitigate the impacts of wildlife on the agricultural industry, do we honestly think that the people who are making their living raising these crops and livestock are going to do nothing about it? I really doubt it.

I can't speak with authority on this proposal because I am not that close to the issue, but I think it is important to at least try and work at these issues collectively, because I know that if we simply do nothing, we are collectively going to be disappointed with the outcomes.

James