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I strongly am opposed to this bill. This has potential impacts far beyond what is intended. The care of and safety of livestock may mean confinement for their safety and health. This could potentially risk ranchers ability to protect their livestock from predators or the elements.

In addition, our food prices are already extremely high. Eliminating the ability of food producers to confine animals where they can feed efficiently for maximum growth potential can mean an even higher price at the store being passed on to the consumer. We simply cannot afford to provide only plant based protein for a food supply. We lack the amount of land possible to make that even a reality. Allow producers to do what they do best with rules and regulations currently in place. Let's not cripple yet another industry due to lack of understanding of standard practices and basic animal needs. And let's remember no producer is doing less than what is necessary to ensure a healthy and productive life for their animals and your future food (and other by-products) supply.