

Submitter: Laurence Hansen  
On Behalf Of: Outback Butcher Shop  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB777

Dear Senator Nash and Representative Levy: The Outback Butcher Shop is pleased to support Senate Bill 0777 which is requesting livestock losses due to wolves be compensated at a 7:1 ratio. Our butcher shop provides a mobile processing service to local ranchers. We have been in Lake County for 20 years and have 4 to 5 full time employees. We compete with four other processors who also provide this service to local ranchers. The future of our business is directly tied to the financial success of our local ranchers. Some of the hidden damage from wolf predation includes, aborted calves, weight loss, crippled calves, and the hours spent investigating each attack. Guardian dogs which may be used to protect the herds, have to be trained as pups, utilized in at least pairs, fed and maintained. And after all this expense, they have an average life span of only ten years. In addition to these expenses, you have the emotional stress that wolf predation puts on the ranchers and their families. For these reasons, the Outback Butcher Shop strongly supports Senate Bill 0777 and respectfully ask for your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely, Laurence N. Hansen , owner Outback Butcher Shop