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Wildfire
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Oppose SB 777 – Unfair and Reckless Expansion of Livestock Payouts

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 777. This bill is an irresponsible expansion of livestock compensation that eliminates accountability and diverts critical conservation funds toward speculative claims.

By allowing ranchers to receive up to seven times the fair market value for livestock losses without confirmed wolf involvement, SB 777 opens the door to exaggerated and fraudulent claims, taking resources away from real conservation efforts. Instead of investing in proven, non-lethal coexistence strategies like range riders and deterrents, this bill prioritizes handouts over responsible ranching practices.

Wolves account for only a tiny fraction of livestock losses compared to disease, weather, and other predators. Yet SB 777 fuels an inaccurate and harmful narrative that vilifies wolves while ignoring the broader realities of livestock management.

I urge you to oppose SB 777 and instead support science-based, non-lethal solutions that promote responsible ranching and wildlife conservation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.