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On Behalf Of:
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Wildfire
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I oppose SB 777. Payouts should only be given to livestock owners at the fair market rate if and only if there is irrefutable evidence of a wolf kill and only when the livestock owner has been using proper co-existence strategies such as range riders, fencing, and deterrents. Furthermore ranchers should not leave dead or injured animals out in the open which is known to attract predators. SB 777 prioritizes handouts over responsible ranching.

This bill unfairly vilifies wolves. Wolves account for only a tiny fraction of livestock losses compared to disease, weather, and other predators. This bill advances the false narrative that wolves are the primary threat to ranching.