

**Senate Bill 777**

Sponsored by Senator NASH, Representative LEVY B (Presession filed.)

Presented below is a Letter of Testimony in Support of **Senate Bill 777**:

Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash and Committee,

Wolves, livestock, and ranchers have been, and will probably be into the next several generations, at war with one another. All trying to make a living for themselves within this world in the only way they know how. Wolves, preying on and killing animals as they see fit (for food or for fun); Livestock taking care of their of young, fueling their bodies for the earth and human kind to benefit from before and after death; and Ranchers choosing to put others (livestock, animals, family, community, industry, human kind) needs above their own and defend their way of life for the benefit others without those even knowing it. Crossing paths is inevitable but does not have to be completely devastating for the Rancher and Livestock. **Senate Bill 777** allows for the Ranchers to receive appropriate compensation within reason of the proposed logical guidelines while holding them accountable by requiring reports to be submitted for probable or confirmed loss(es) and potential cost(s) of any livestock management or nonlethal wolf deterrence techniques. Removing the payment for lost livestock and alternatively incorporating specific multipliers based off fair market value, with a fair-minded cap, benefits the Ranchers, counties, and state because it provides better structure and corresponds with the ever-changing tendencies of the industry. Counties will also be held to the same standards in order to receive their requested financial assistance for the grant programs. Including these requirements lessens the concern of the compensation program being taken advantage of. I, Katie Sites, as an individual, Baker County CattleWomen President, and Member of the Baker County Wolf Depredation Compensation Committee, fully support **Senate Bill 777**. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,



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