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Wildfire  
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Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash and Committee,

Thank you for accepting my second testimony submission in support of SB 777 and the -5 amendment.

While science does support the 7-1 compensation schedule, as presented in the first draft, 5-1 compensation is still appreciated and supported by scientific studies such as Bangs 1998, Oakley and the Treves/Naughton study titled "The Price of Tolerance."

While much can be said by both sides concerning compensation for wolf predation, the most important consideration should be made to those suffering the gut - wrenching, helpless and unspeakable emotional consequences of wolf introduction. In addition , the economic impact on those who are asked to endure the experiment, needs to be acknowledged and addressed.

If as a state we have determined protection of this species is needed, then as a state we all need to shoulder the responsibility and not place the weight of introduction on one sector of our citizens.

The introduction of this species has placed our citizens in those areas of wolf habitat in danger. It has become a burden and is too much to ask them to shoulder. Compensation is the very least we can do, and should be a top priority for us all.

Thank you for your consideration. I ask you to support SB 777 with the -5 amendment.

Respectfully,

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