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I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2403, which authorizes landowners who meet specific criteria to petition for the formation of a predator damage control district. This legislation provides a vital funding mechanism to address the pressing issue of damages caused by predatory animals, ensuring that landowners can effectively manage and mitigate these challenges.

As a member of our agricultural community, I understand firsthand the significant impact that predatory animals can have on livestock and property. The ability to form a predator damage control district allows landowners to collaborate and share the costs associated with prevention and mitigation efforts. This collective approach not only fosters community cooperation but also enhances the effectiveness of the strategies employed to protect our livelihoods.

Furthermore, HB 2403 promotes a proactive solution to an ongoing problem that affects many rural areas. By providing a structured framework for funding and management, this legislation empowers landowners to take control of their circumstances and work towards sustainable practices that benefit both their properties and the environment.

Additionally, the formation of such districts can lead to more informed and coordinated efforts in managing predator populations. This collaborative approach can help balance the needs of wildlife conservation with the economic realities faced by landowners, ensuring that both interests are respected and addressed.

Moreover, the establishment of predator damage control districts can contribute to the overall economic stability of our communities. By minimizing losses due to predatory animals, landowners can maintain their agricultural operations, which in turn supports local economies and job markets.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support HB 2403 as a necessary step toward empowering landowners to protect their property and livelihoods. I urge you to support this legislation, which not only addresses a critical concern for our agricultural community but also fosters collaboration and responsible management of our natural resources.