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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2403

Dear House Committee Members,

I request you to not move ahead with this bill. Predator control districts have already been floated before and found to be ineffective. These incentivize land owners to pursue only lethal means of predator control, which is both ineffective (since other predators will take the place of those culled) and a poor use of tax money. Instead, the committee should consider non-lethal predator control measures, whose costs can be borne by the taxpayer. Such an approach has been tried before, notably by Benton County Agriculture and Wildlife Protection Program with success.

Thank you
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