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Ms. Raszka

I think you are the chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, if I understand correctly.

I just found out that not just one, but FIVE bills just got introduced which are distinctly 'anti-predator' and would severely impact wolves from ever getting protection under the state ESA. HB 3515 would rely entirely on politics and ignore science....it makes me cringe to think you all are even considering this bill.

HB 3140 ignores science yet again and ignores the well known and documented ecological benefits of predators and how they create balance in every ecosystem in which they are a part.

HB 2050 ...we've already been through this and voters of the state spoke loud and clear. We DO NOT want hunting of cougars by dogs allowed.

HB 3188 setting up 'predator control districts' totally ignores the science that predators themselves are natural resources, and thus worthy of protection, not to be targets of 'predator control'

And lastly HB 3514 is a total waste of money. This bill practically quadruples the amount of tax credits that can be issued, and these livestock losses are not evaluated by experts who can determine the cause of death, but rather by sherriffs who have no such expertise.

The money could be MUCH better spent on instituting nonlethal methods and strategies to prevent conflicts between wolves and livestock.

I ask you, with respect, to vote AGAINST these five bills. If I was up there, I'd be at the public hearing on Thursday, but

I am out of town helping my mother, so this letter will have to suffice.

Thanks for seriously considering these comments.

Be well

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"Goodness and kindness rule the world. They just don't get a lot of press."

~Pete Sibley

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