

May 27, 2015

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

RE: HB3188

Chairman Senator Edwards, and Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of HB3188.

As a sheep producer that has been plagued by predator problems for many years, I urge you to support HB3188. With the threat of a loss of financial support from Douglas County to the USDA predation management services, a solution is needed. A program that gives property owners the option of whether or not to participate in the funding is a winning solution for all.

If this bill is moved to a work group, I sincerely hope that you will consider the needs and suggestions of the agricultural communities as represented by farmers and ranchers as well as those of local officials in determining the final outcome. If HB3188 becomes an outline for a product that is unworkable, it sadly will never have the chance of coming to fruition.

I appreciate your consideration on this matter. Please move HB3188 forward.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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