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On Behalf Of: Kennerly Ranches LLC

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: HB4080

My family has been raising sheep and cattle in Douglas County for over 100 years. Without the predator control programs and trapping that the County allows for predators this would not be possible. It is important to put some control into the hands of the landowners to monitor their land and to help control the risks to our livestock, which is our livelihood. We provide an important commodity to our communities, county and State - FOOD! Ranchers realize that natural predators exist, but we need to be able to minimize losses to our herds as much as possible in order to maintain a healthy herd/flock.

A retailer you would not be expected to just allow someone to walk in and take things off the shelf and leave without paying. A bank is not ok with letting people remove funds from accounts that are not theirs. Our livestock is our product. We need to be able to protect it.

I am in support of HB4080.

Sincerely, Guy Kennerly