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I support, and urge you to support, SB 777 regarding wolf compensation. The existing program is completely inadequate in that it is so administratively cumbersome and lacking in sufficient funding that most farmers and ranchers who lose stock do not bother to report them. SB 777 is a much more reasonable approach with the 5:1 ratio to help account for those cattle that are lost but cannot be found and for the other, but not complete depredation such as lower conception rates, lost weight, anxiety that makes it harder to move and work cattle and the need to care for injured stock that are attacked by wolves or driven through fences. Ranchers and their livestock never asked for wolves, but they are the ones forced to suffer for them.