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Via Electronic Mail Only

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Subject: Thank You for Co-Sponsoring H.R. 845 and Request for Continued Leadership

Dear Congressman LaMalfa and Congressman Bentz,

The Tri-Counties (Siskiyou County, CA, Modoc County, CA and Klamath County, OR) appreciate your continued leadership and your co-sponsorship of H.R. 845, the Pet and Livestock Protection Act. We thank you for your ongoing support of efforts to remove the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) from the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and respectfully ask that you continue to advance this legislation and encourage your colleagues to do the same.

As we have outlined in previous letters, the continued federal listing of the gray wolf places increasing strain on communities across the Tri Counties, affecting not only ranching families but also residents throughout our rural areas. Wolf populations in our region are no longer transient or struggling. They are well established, with confirmed packs, defined territories, and active dens that demonstrate sustained reproduction and long-term presence. As these populations expand and occupy consistent territories, wolves are being observed more frequently in areas of regular human activity, including near homes, public rest areas, and schools. This increased presence has raised safety concerns among residents and highlighted how federal ESA protections constrain the ability of local communities to effectively manage wolf activity.

Local governments, landowners, and western state agencies have invested substantial resources in monitoring programs, non-lethal deterrents, and other coexistence strategies. Despite these efforts, cattle depredation incidents have continued and increased over time, placing a growing burden on livestock producers. Ranchers are spending unsustainable hours protecting their herds while coping with repeated depredation, emotional strain, and cumulative economic losses that threaten the long-term viability of family ranching operations in our region.

We appreciate your leadership on H.R. 845 and respectfully request that you continue working to move this bill forward, including engaging your colleagues in support of its passage. Enacting this legislation is critical to protecting pets and livestock, supporting safe and sustainable agricultural operations, and addressing the growing public safety concerns faced by our rural communities.



Thank you for your continued attention, leadership, and support.

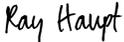
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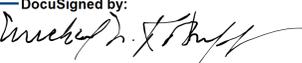
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