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Mister Chairman and members of the committee, in regards to HB 603 more rules and regulations are one step closer to abolishing trapping in the State of Montana. I see no reason why every trapper in the state should have to pay for the actions of one person.

A dog lover myself, my heart goes out to these people. But more responsibility on their part would have averted this whole incident.

As a trapper education instructor I teach ethics and follow a code of ethics with respect for both animals and people.

My sole living is made by resolving human- wildlife conflicts. The only thing more rules and regulations will do is increase the cost of removing problem animals.

I oppose House Bill 603 and urge others to give this bill serious consideration as to its repercussions on managing wildlife.
Thank you for your time.