Attn- Joan. Agriculture!

SENATE AGRICULTURE
EXHIBIT NO. 5
DATE 1-20-2009
BILL NO. SB 214

TO. Chairman of Senate AG Committee

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to ask that you consider and support Senate Bill 214, which would increase the Penalties for livestock theft. Montana's livestock industry needs this bill, and I believe this bill as it's written, will be a strong deterrent for those People who would steal from others.

Senate Bill 214 would utilize 1 yr of community service, a strong minimum mandatory fine of $10,000, and loss of Personal Property to ensure that thieves will think twice before committing such a crime.

This bill is Personal to me, as our family operation has been a victim of theft in the Past, as well as several neighbors. I feel that if this bill would have been in Place then, most, if not all of those thefts would have been avoided.

Once again, I urge this committee to support Senate Bill 214. Thank you!

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