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Honorable Senate Judiciary Committee Members:

On March 16th, the Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) testified in opposition to HB 174, which was a repeal of the prohibition on firearm sound reduction devices in field. MSGA's opposition focused on the concerns of these types of devices being utilized in the field during big game season as it relates to increases in trespass and poaching violations. MSGA members were also concerned over these devices impeding their ability to hear rifle reports, indicating if persons may be present on their property. In follow up conversations, MSGA feels our concerns have been addressed and no longer are in opposition to HB 174.

Sincerely,

Jay Bodner