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SB 189-Clarify that wolf management funds may be used for public education  
Sponsor: Senator Mike Phillips  
Committee: Senate Fish & Game

Chairman Brenden and Members of the Committee:

My name is Amy Seaman and I'm here representing the over 5,200 members of Montana Audubon in support of ~~HB 268~~ **SB 189.**

It is our mission is to promote the appreciation, knowledge and conservation of Montana's native birds, other wildlife, and natural ecosystems to safeguard biological diversity for current and future generations.

We are going to rise in support of Senator Phillips' bill because:

1. We feel that education and outreach is an important component to any wildlife management program. This bill can provide the funding necessary to do this type of education.
2. Montana Audubon as an organization is very interested in preventing wolf and livestock conflicts. We would hope a portion of this money could be utilized to create and/or update any materials that may be helpful to any landowners who are interested in implementing measures that can avert these clashes.

We urge a do-pass of Senate Bill 189 through your committee and on to the full body for further discussion on the floor.