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TO: Members of the House Resources and Conservation Committee

## H0082

The Idaho Cattle Association (ICA) is the official voice for all segments of the beef industry in Idaho, from seedstock breeders to commercial operators to cattle feeders. ICA is the grassroots policy development organization for Idaho's second-leading agricultural industry and is unique in that the membership spans to every corner of Idaho. **The ICA supports H0082 dealing with depredations.**

During the 2024 legislative session, the legislature passed H592, which provided a framework for the depredation of livestock and prevention fund. H0082 simply clarifies the language to better align with terminology utilized by investigators and also allow that "possible" claims from livestock producers may be eligible. Idaho has seen a high volume of investigations that resulted in "possible" determinations during the past year, and this terminology update ensures the consideration of these claims, should sufficient funding remain.

Idaho is an agrarian state and this legislation will continue to protect the ranching way of life. ICA supports H0082.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer Black". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Spencer Black  
ICA President



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