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The Honorable <NAME OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVE>
<OFFICE BUILDING AND ROOM NUMBER>
Washington, DC <ZIP CODE>

Dear Representative <SURNAME OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVE>:

I am writing to ask you to consider co-sponsoring H.R. 4775 (the Compound 1080 and M-44 Elimination Act), which would prohibit the use of Compound 1080 and sodium cyanide devices, known as the M-44, to kill wildlife.

Poisoning predators is crude, cruel, and unnecessary. These deadly poisons kill many non-target species throughout the West, including pets, wildlife, and even federally-protected species. Their availability discourages the use of non-lethal practices, such as guarding dogs, herding, fencing, and disruptive stimuli that can better protect livestock from predators without risks to other wildlife and people.

Compound 1080, used only as a wildlife poison, is highly toxic to humans, and in the hands of terrorists could pose a significant threat to public safety.

M-44s, spring-loaded bait lures, shoot sodium cyanide into animals' mouths and cause rapid asphyxiation. Wildlife Services places thousands of M-44s on private and public lands, and the devices indiscriminately kill any animal that tugs the bait, including protected species.

This legislation seems to me to address a significant problem in our stewardship of public lands and our relationship to the natural world. I would greatly appreciate hearing your views on this legislation.

Sincerely,

<YOUR NAME>