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Dear [RECIPIENT NAME],

We are writing you to request your help with a survey study on predators and predator damage management in your state. You are among a select group of livestock producers chosen to participate in our survey study, which largely concerns predator damage management assistance provided to you by USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services. To evaluate the success of the methods and tools used and the program, we developed this survey study to understand the perspectives and opinions of individuals like yourself who received these services.

To participate in this research, we ask that you please fill out an online questionnaire. The questionnaire should take about 45 minutes to complete. You must be 18 years or older to participate.

To complete the questionnaire, please click on the following link: [SHORTENED SURVEY LINK]

Once you have gotten to the website that hosts our questionnaire, **you can begin taking the questionnaire by entering the following code in all caps when prompted:** [UNIQUE CODE]

This code must be entered exactly as provided above. **Most importantly, this code is unique and should only be used by you to access and complete the questionnaire.** If the code is shared with someone else, it will give them access to your responses. If you have trouble accessing the online questionnaire, please send an e-mail to: HDsurveys@usda.gov

Your participation is voluntary, and you may skip any question you do not wish to answer or withdraw at any time; completing the survey indicates your consent to participate.

Please note that we will never reveal your identity or any collected information that could be used to identify you. When we report or share the data with others, we will combine the data from everyone who participated in the survey study. Your data will be kept confidential, and any files that link your questionnaire answers to your name and address will be stored separately from the study data in a secure location accessible only to our research team on our network server. While there are no direct benefits to you, the information you provide us is critically important for understanding the viability of using methods to mitigate predator damage to livestock.

If you have any questions about the study, you may reach out to the following researchers:

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