

To the Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County:

As a 55 year resident of Mendocino County, retired teacher, rancher, and long-time Farm Bureau member during most of the 55-year span, I want to lend my support to the effort to terminate the lethal inhumane management program conducted by USDA Wildlife Services. I am in support of a non-lethal wildlife management program administrated by Mendocino County's Animal Care Services department.

While we have never experienced a conflict with wildlife and our many cows, I had great success keeping my free-running chickens safe with the use of lighted housing and outdoor motion lights. During my last experience with 82 hens, I lost only two, and that loss was during daylight to hawks. I consider hawks valuable in our ecosystem.

Mendocino County is an incredibly attractive place to live for those of us who love the out-of-doors and what it provides for us in scenic beauty and exploration. Wildlife is an integral component of that attraction and deserves our respect and concern in order to preserve the outstanding character of our county. As someone who chose to live in rural Mendocino County as a young adult and has lived on the edge of forested land for 54 years, I know that people, domestic animals, and wild animals are all able to coexist.

Please count me as a serious supporter of the Mendocino Non-lethal Wildlife Alliance who wants you to endorse the request to terminate the lethal inhumane management program conducted by USDA Wildlife Services and adopt a resolution to place responsibility for the implementation of a non-lethal wildlife damage management program under Mendocino County Animal Care Services.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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