MT HB 179

To Members of the House Committee on Agriculture

January 27, 2015

Please support HB 179

Dear Members of the MT House Committee on Agriculture:

I am writing on behalf of the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA), a broad-based animal welfare organization founded in 1991 that is dedicated to securing high standards of animal care and treatment, and to preserving the human-animal bond. Our members are farmers, ranchers, dog and cat enthusiasts, hobby breeders, rescuers and pet owners, animal professionals, scientists and veterinarians. We have members throughout the state of Montana.

We are writing to express our strongest support for HB 179 and to ask for your vote. Only those who are employed by a government agency with proper authority, who are accountable to elected officials and to the law should be allowed to enter private property without the express approval of the property owner. This excludes people working for private organizations who operate from a mission statement.

Please support HB 179.

Sincerely,

Patti Strand, NAIA President