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Chairman Dean Rhoads, and Committee on Natural Resources

Re: Senate Bill No.486

Dear Honorable Senator Rhoads and Committee Members:

My name is Julie A. Keller, and I am from Dayton NV. I am in opposition of Senate Bill No. 486, an Act relating to animals. My testimony is as follows:

- Pursuant to the Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Management on Public Land Administered by the Bureau of Land Management Act, The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burro's Act of 1971, and Senate Bill No. 486, the Department of Agriculture's boundaries, with regard to public and private lands, are not clearly defined.
- It would be costly to the state of Nevada to implement this name change, i.e., governmental documents relating to wild horses, and estrays, as well as the need to distinguish between the BLM and the Department of Agriculture.

Sec. 3. NRS 561.218 – Language should not be changed to incorporate *feral livestock*, throughout this entire Act, as it would have a profound effect on the definition of wild horses, and estrays.

1. The Director shall appoint a person to manage the activities of the Department relating to natural resources, land use planning and management and control of wild horses, estrays *and feral livestock*.
3. As used in this section:
 - (b) "*Feral livestock*" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 28 of this Act.

Sec. 4. NRS 561.305 – Language should not change [livestock,] to *animals*, throughout this entire Act as it is unclear in its definition of *animals*, with regard to all wild and domestic animals.

1. The diagnosis of infectious, contagious and parasitic diseases of *animals*, as may be necessary under the provisions of chapter 571 of NRS.

Please consider the above when deciding the passage of Senate Bill No. 486. Thank you, Senator Rhoads and honorable Committee Members, for the opportunity to present my testimony.

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