

Black Vulture Relief Act of 2025

FACT SHEET



THE PROBLEM

- **Predatory Behavior** – Unlike other vultures, **black vultures actively attack live animals**, often in flocks of 20+.
- **Targets** – Newborn calves, lambs, goat kids, piglets; pregnant livestock during birthing.
- **Economic Impact** – Estimated **\$2,000 loss per calf**.
- **Population Surge** – Up **468% since 1990** to **190+ million birds**.
- **Attacks Increasing** – Nearly **25% more cattle attacks** between 2020–2025.
- **Current Law** – Requires **depredation permit** before taking action, costing time and putting livestock at risk.

THE SOLUTION

Black Vulture Relief Act of 2025 – Sponsored by Senators Mullin (OK), Tuberville (AL), Schmitt (MO), Cornyn (TX).

KEY PROVISIONS

1. **No Depredation Permit Needed** – Producers can take black vultures **immediately** if livestock is threatened.
2. **Annual Reporting** – Simple yearly report to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on the number taken.
3. **No Poison Use** – Ban on poison remains in place.

Protecting Livestock – Cutting the Red Tape

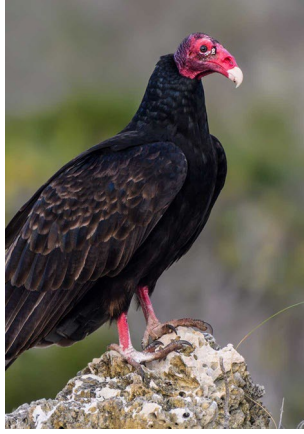


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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Turkey Vulture



Black Vulture



WHY IT MATTERS

- **Faster Protection** – Act immediately to save newborns and protect mothers during birthing.
- **Lower Losses** – Reduce livestock deaths and prevent thousands in lost revenue.
- **Practical Oversight** – Maintain population monitoring without slowing producer response.

WHO SUPPORTS IT

- **National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA)**
- **American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF)**
- **U.S. Cattlemen's Association (USCA)**
- **Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association (TSGRA)**
- **Wyoming Stock Growers Association (WSGA)**

WHAT PRODUCERS SAY

“Removing the requirement for a depredation permit will allow ranchers to protect their livestock and reduce economic hardship.” – **Sen. Markwayne Mullin (OK)**

“Producers shouldn't have to jump through hoops just to protect their herds.” – **Sen. Tommy Tuberville (AL)**

THE BOTTOM LINE

If passed, the **Black Vulture Relief Act** will give producers immediate authority to protect livestock from black vultures—saving animals, preserving income, and cutting unnecessary red tape.