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Sen. Tammy Baldwin
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Hart Senate Office Building
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Date: May 14, 2024

Subject: Support the Trust the Science Act (H.R. 764) for Gray Wolf Delisting

Dear Sen. Baldwin,

We are writing to express our strong support for the "Trust the Science Act" (H.R. 764), which aims to empower state experts to restore their authority over the gray wolf population within their respective states. Due to the laudable goals of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), the gray wolf populations have increased significantly. As concerned state legislators, we believe that science-based decisions should guide our conservation efforts and the gray wolf is a prime example of how legislative interjection can have both positive and negative effects on wildlife.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) delisted the gray wolf in 2020 after thorough scientific evaluation and data analysis. This decision was based on the best available evidence, indicating that the gray wolf population was no longer at risk of endangerment. While the gray wolf was again litigated back onto the endangered species list, we believe through data retrieved through USFWS that the population is not only healthy enough to be taken off this endangered list, but they are becoming so prolific they have become a danger to helpless prey such as the whitetail deer, whose population is in steep decline in the northern regions of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

The gray wolf plays a crucial role in maintaining ecosystem balance as nature's apex predator. By delisting it, we can allow states and local communities to manage wolf populations effectively while ensuring the species' long-term survival. The "Trust the Science Act" not only reaffirms the USFWS's decision, but also prevents judicial review of the delisting process, allowing science to prevail over legal challenges. We have seen the gray wolf population vary from state to state and feel it is in our best interest, and the best interest of the gray wolf, to be managed at a state level.

We urge you to support H.R. 764 and advocate for its passage in the Senate.



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Sincerely,

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