

November 7, 2018

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-107, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leader McCarthy,

We are writing you to urge immediate floor consideration of H.R. 424, the Gray Wolf State Management Act, so that our farmers and ranchers can finally secure relief from devastating wolf attacks on their livestock.

Currently, families living in rural America have no legal actions available to deal with gray wolf attacks due to their federally protected status. The Gray Wolf State Management Act would delist gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes states and Wyoming from federal protections and return their management to the states. The bill is supported by a bipartisan group of 18 Members of Congress and 19 agriculture and conservation organizations listed below, so we believe this legislation can lead as a prime example of bipartisanship working in Congress.

This bill must be passed before the fast-approaching end of this Congressional session. If the bill does not get scheduled for a floor vote soon, we lose this time-sensitive opportunity to fix this problem created back in December 2014. We will be monitoring floor activity closely and hope the urgency of our request is taken under your consideration.

We look forward to working with you on moving H.R. 424 through Congress and ultimately receiving a Presidential signature.

Sincerely,

American Farm Bureau Federation



American Sheep Industry Association



Michigan Cattlemen's Association



Michigan Farm Bureau



Minnesota Deer Hunters Association



Minnesota Farm Bureau



Minnesota Farmers Union



Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers



Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association



Minnesota Turkey Growers



National Cattlemen's Beef Association



National Farmers Union



Public Lands Council



Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation



Upper Peninsula Sportsmen's Alliance



Upper Peninsula Trappers Association



United States Cattlemen's Association



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