

Senator Wesenberg,

You are my Minnesota State Senator. I am writing you tonight in full support of a wolf hunt in Minnesota. I live in Morrill in Morrison County. We have had wolves on our property. They have been seen while deer hunting. To no one's surprise, we have seen less deer on our farm as a result. These wolves have been seen less than a half mile away from our house. We also have cows and with other farmers succumbing to wolf predation I worry that our livestock will suffer a similar fate. We enjoy being outdoors with our hunting dogs. With the increase in wolf population and no management means I do fear at some point coming across these wolves with our hunting dogs. I've seen similar stories of dogs being killed by wolves on their own property and I worry that it is a matter of time before one of our dogs suffer a similar fate.

Wolves need to be managed! Just like any other animal in the state of Minnesota. The lack of management or willingness to embrace an effective management strategy by the MN DNR is extremely frustrating. I am not calling for the extinction of wolves. I am calling for the state of Minnesota to finally admit there is a problem and to put in place the management tools to effectively manage their abundant population. This should not be a partisan issue, but, like everything in today's world, sadly it is. Therefore, I am fully in support of your bill, SF 2720. The wolf population should be managed to the federal delisting goal of 1,250-1,400.

Thank you,

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