

I am writing you in support of wolves being properly managed by having a Minnesota wolf hunting season. I support SF 2720 and here is why.

Thirty seven years ago I went through gun safety and surprised my grandfather with a certificate of completion. It was his greatest joy to teach me the art of hunting whitetail deer among other game, in the same way that had had taught me to fish as a young boy.

I love the outdoors and hunting and have enjoyed many adventures with family and friends as we hunt deer in Minnesota.

My daughter is 16 and also loves the outdoors and has gone hunting with me several times. She has expressed her desire to hunt the same woods that I've walked for years. The trouble is we sit for days on end and never see a single deer. We see more wolves than we ever do deer. 20 years ago, I would see 15-20 deer a day. To see a wolf was a seldom occurrence.

We love venison. We love hunting deer. I'd love to see my daughter harvest a deer in the Northern Minnesota woods she has walked with me for years. The only way this dream can come true is if we manage wolves. I am not calling for decimation of wolves but it's time to think the pack.

Please restore stand with us to restore the hunting heritage. Let's get kids off the video games and devices and out in the woods. It will do future generations good!

Thank you,

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