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Senator Wesenberg,

I am writing this letter to express my overwhelming support for SF2720 and for Minnesota to start properly managing the wolf population that has quickly gotten out of control over the past few years.

Any reasonable person understands that all wildlife needs to be managed and not managing creates dangerous effects on the ecosystem.

Unfortunately, what we have seen in my home location in Central Minnesota around the Randall / Cushing area is a host of problems ranging from Livestock being killed to family Pets being attacked, residents being scared to let their young children play outside (or wait for the school bus) and a steady reduction in sightings of deer to the point where getting kids interested in carrying on this heritage is at the lowest point I have seen in my life because they are bored.

10 years ago, a trip to Randall from my house would easily see 10-20 deer. Today, I drive from Pine River, MN to Randall, MN right at prime evening time and see zero.

In my hunting unit 214, we get as many pictures of wolves today than deer. **THIS IS NOT WOLF RANGE.**

My family has a farm near Hill City Minnesota and what used to be a family tradition to go up there annually a few times a year, no longer is due to the destruction that wolves have caused and fear of being around that. Simply put, the policies currently in place are destroying wildlife populations and quite frankly our Culture in Rural Minnesota.

I volunteer my time as a member of the Cushing Big Lake Sportman's Club in Cushing Mn. We have around 350 members and they are all incredibly frustrated with what should be something that is easily agreeable no matter what your political views are.

I am writing this letter today to share what we are living with in rural Minnesota and to pray that our elected representatives listen to the folks like myself that have to deal with the consequences of years of inaction and mismanagement. We are seeing wolves become more aggressive and we are seeing them move closer to our residences and towns. Please do not let this get to a point where there is a human attack that causes action on this as I fear that is where the current policy is taking us.

I am happy to field any questions from any representatives and I appreciate your time!

Thanks,

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