

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 19, 2010

Ken Salazar  
Secretary  
United States Department of Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar:

On behalf of the Wisconsin residents we represent, we are writing in support of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's request to remove the gray wolf from the endangered species list in Wisconsin. We concur with DNR Secretary Matt Frank that the gray wolf no longer faces the threat of extinction in Wisconsin.


As the gray wolf has grown in numbers, there have been greater incidents of wolf attacks on livestock and other animals. This is a growing problem for farmers and residents throughout Wisconsin. While we applaud your department's efforts to compensate landowners, we do not believe that this is a sustainable policy. A decision to keep the gray wolf on the endangered species list will lead to more incidents and further expenses for the government and landowners.

As you know, the gray wolf has been taken off the endangered species list before, only to be reinstated by a court order. Data shows that during the 17 months the gray wolf was de-listed (March 2007 – September 2008), the wolf populations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan did not decrease but actually grew in small and manageable numbers. We believe that the DNR can effectively manage the wolf population in Wisconsin in the interests of all of the state's residents and ensure that the gray wolf is protected.

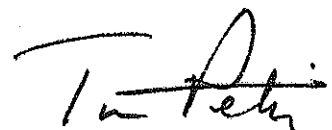
We fully support the Wisconsin DNR's application to remove the gray wolf from the list of endangered species in Wisconsin. We believe that sound science and good public policy warrant an affirmative decision. We look forward to your expeditious consideration and thoughtful response.


Thank you again for your work on behalf of our nation.


Sincerely,

  
Rep. Steve Kagen, M.D.  
Wisconsin's 8<sup>th</sup> District

  
Rep. Ron Kind  
Wisconsin's 3<sup>rd</sup> District

  
Rep. Tom Petri  
Wisconsin's 6<sup>th</sup> District

  
Rep. Paul Ryan  
Wisconsin's 1<sup>st</sup> District

  
Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner  
Wisconsin's 5<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Wisconsin DNR Secretary Matt Frank