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Subject:

HR 87 Committee Hearing 9/10/19

I am very disappointed to see that you are a sponsor of HR 87 regarding federal delisting of the wolf. While wolves have made a remarkable comeback in the state, the threats that caused the wolf to become endangered still exist.

For example, MI DNR misled the USFWS in seeking a permit to kill three wolves. https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/03/25/state-overstated-threat-gray-wolves/2473841002/

The resolution states the wolf population "has held steady between 600 and 700 wolves for several years now." This is consistent with scientific research that shows wolf populations "self-regulate" based on habitat and prey. The MI wolf population is far below the biological carrying capacity as determined by research.

There is no scientific evidence to suggest that "Without management, its population could reach numbers that would be detrimental to other species". Further, wolf conflicts in Michigan have been extremely low.

I urge the committee to reject HR 87. Rather than urging USFWS to federally delist wolves as a reasonable compromise, I ask that you support a resolution that would downlist the wolf to a federally threatened species.

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