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I am writing you about HB 3515 which seeks not only delist the gray wolf from endangered status in your state, but also make it impossible ever relist them. This seems very short sighted and counter-intuitive.

For of all, endangered species status is determined on a federal level and wolves remain on the federal endangered species list in most states. Secondly, wolves do not recognize state borders. As you well know, OR7 wandered into my state of California. We were very excited to have a wild wolf back in California, and California has voted to maintain endangered species protections for for wolves should we again have some. If you delist the wolf there, and our wolves happen to wander over your border, they would be a prime target for assassination. You have no right to murder our wolves. Further, wolves belong to the wild and thus, in essence, all of us and it is not up to a particular state to decide to annihilate them. That is on par with no longer having National Park Status for Crater Lake, since it is with in your borders. Crater Lake belongs to the people of the United States, and so do the wolves.

Further, every time wolves have been delisted by a state, their slaughter was so swift and so severe, they were relisted by the federal government shortly there after. Time and time again, states have shown, their ignorance and hate for wolves causes them to slaughter them all. We need wolves in the ecosystem. No ecosystem is healthy without its original species and apex predator and the most important. Wolves keep nature in balance. Without them, nature is out of balance. I beg you not to drive our wolves to the brink of extinction once again. Leave them to find their own place in the environment.

Thank you

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