

To Vice President Harris

To Brenda Mallory, Secretary of the Council on Environmental Quality,

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of **15,000 concerned citizens in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, and Minnesota**, we are reaching out to you with a matter that touches the very soul of our natural world and hearts—the protection of wolves in our country. Wolves are not just creatures of the wild; they are symbols of wilderness, balance, and resilience. They hold sacred significance for Indigenous peoples and play a critical role in maintaining the health of our ecosystems. Yet, they face threats that could push them back towards extinction.

During your appearance on Brave Wilderness, your grandchildren asked you a question that resonates deeply: “Pop, they’re going to kill all the wolves! Why’s that happening, Pop?” This heartfelt question reflects the innocence and compassion of the younger generation, who deserve to inherit a world where wolves and other wildlife thrive.

The previous administration's decision to remove federal endangered species protections for wolves had tragic consequences. **In Wisconsin alone, over 200 wolves were killed in less than three days u**sing methods that defy humanity—baiting, snares, and dogs. This is not merely hunting; it is a massacre that threatens ecological balance and robs future generations of witnessing these majestic animals in their natural habitat. Wisconsin's hunt is little more than state-sanctioned dog fighting, with losses on both sides. Haven't we evolved from bloodsport?

In states like Idaho and Montana, extreme policies could cause the decimation of up to 90% of their wolf populations. Such actions would undo decades of successful recovery efforts and risk tipping wolves back towards extinction. The implications extend beyond the wolves themselves, affecting biodiversity and ecosystems across our nation.Moreover, we must address tragedies unfolding within Yellowstone National Park where venturing outside park boundaries results in alarming wolf deaths—25 Yellowstone wolves were killed during one season alone when briefly wandering beyond park limits—devastating both park populations and ecosystems alike!

While protecting wolves may incur greater costs than other species' efforts due largely to appropriation needs and general tax funding requirements—wolves' overarching trophic cascade benefits many imperiled species beyond conflicts with hunters and farmers alike!

Notably, more people commented on wolf protection during its Federal Register period than any other period ever recorded, 5.3 million! Americans—both rural and urban alike—are mutualists who do not believe sport hunting should target this animal!

We implore you to take decisive action by issuing an executive order reinstating Endangered Species Act (ESA) protections for wolves for ten years or until they can naturally recolonize their former ranges with corridors and connectivity. It is crucial that these protections exclude provisions preventing judicial review—safeguarding our democratic principles and rule of law.

Furthermore, **99% of Americans support the ESA** because threats leading to extinction lack scientific grounding. The continued efforts by certain groups to hijack state and federal agencies only worsen this precarious situation for wild animals. Their influence increases threats, making it difficult for advocates to counter harmful policies.

Your administration has made significant strides in conservation:

- Record investment in private lands conservation through the Inflation Reduction Act.
- Strengthening rules under the Endangered Species Act.
- Proposing new habitat protections within Canadian lynx recovery plans.

You have 30 days to decide; however, wolves may only have three days—like during Wisconsin's wolf hunt—to face tragedy again.

Wisconsin experienced another tragedy during its wolf hunt, similar to past events.

Wisconsin's wolf hunt is a tragedy that we must prevent. This goes beyond the issue of wolves; it's about safeguarding our natural world for future generations. Our children and grandchildren deserve the chance to experience the awe of hearing wolves howl in their natural habitat, not just as mounted trophies. As you've wisely stated, "We all have a responsibility to nature, but we also have a responsibility to one another."

We urge you to exercise your leadership to ensure that the wolf population, including Major and your grandchildren, receives the respect it deserves. Your legacy depends on the actions you take today.

On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin and beyond.,

Thank you

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--**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PROTECTING WOLVES AND ENSURING ECOSYSTEM BALANCE

WHEREAS, wolves play a crucial role in maintaining the health and balance of our ecosystems, acting as keystone species whose presence supports a wide range of biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, the removal of federal endangered species protections for wolves has led to tragic and detrimental consequences, including the recent massacre of over 200 wolves in Wisconsin in less than three days, utilizing inhumane methods such as baiting, snares, and dogs; and

WHEREAS, states such as Idaho and Montana have adopted extreme policies threatening to decimate up to 90% of their wolf populations, thereby risking the rollback of decades of successful recovery efforts and potentially driving wolves towards extinction; and

WHEREAS, the ecological impact of wolves extends beyond their species, influencing the health of entire ecosystems and supporting many imperiled species through their trophic cascade effect; and

WHEREAS, the continued threats to wolves are driven by ignorance, hate, selfishness, and a disregard for scientific evidence and ecological balance; and

WHEREAS, 99% of Americans support the Endangered Species Act (ESA), recognizing its critical role in protecting threatened and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the voices of 5.3 million people who commented on the Federal Register to stop the delisting of wolves reflect widespread public support for the protection of these majestic creatures; and

WHEREAS, our children and grandchildren deserve to inherit a world where they can witness the majesty of wolves in the wild, not merely as relics in museums; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has a responsibility to uphold democratic principles, the rule of law, and to prevent the exploitation of natural resources and wildlife for cruelty or sport; and

WHEREAS, the Administration is committed to preserving the natural world and biodiversity for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. **Reinstating Federal Protections for Wolves.**

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) protections for wolves shall be reinstated for a period of ten years or until wolves can naturally reclaim their former ranges with appropriate corridors and connectivity.

SECTION 2. **Ensuring Judicial Review.**

Provisions that prevent judicial review of ESA protections for wolves shall be excluded to uphold democratic principles and the rule of law.

SECTION 3. **National Recovery Plan.**

A comprehensive national recovery plan for wolves shall be developed and implemented, reflecting the best available scientific evidence and societal values, ensuring the long-term survival and health of wolf populations across the United States.

SECTION 4. **Collaboration with State and Local Governments.**

The Administration shall work collaboratively with state and local governments, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders to promote coexistence and mitigate conflicts between wolves, hunters, and farmers.

SECTION 5. **Public Awareness and Education.**

Efforts shall be made to raise public awareness and education about the ecological importance of wolves and the need for their protection, fostering a culture of coexistence and conservation.

SECTION 6. **Monitoring and Reporting.**

The Department of the Interior, in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, shall monitor wolf populations and report annually on the progress of recovery efforts and the effectiveness of protection measures.

SECTION 7. **Addressing Yellowstone National Park Tragedy.**

Immediate actions shall be taken to address the ongoing tragedy within Yellowstone National Park, where wolves that venture outside park boundaries are at high risk of being killed. Measures shall be implemented to ensure the safety and protection of these wolves.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this [day] of [month], in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-eighth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

President of the United States of America