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RE: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING THE GRAY WOLF

On behalf of the Fourth Senate District, I am writing to convey my opposition and dismay to the listing of the Gray Wolf (Canis lupus) as a threatened or endangered species in the Fish and Game Code Sections 2075 and 2075.5.

The federal government is considering a delisting of this species under the Endangered Species Act. This is due to its burgeoning population and natural expansion.

California does not need another layer of wildlife management restrictions for a species that recently has been an occasional visitor to our state. The wolf identified as OR7 is part of a much larger healthy wolf population with territory currently primarily located in Oregon.

The added regulatory burden that would be imposed on farmers and ranchers in the North State as a result of such a listing poses a legitimate threat to livestock, private property rights and the agricultural-based economy.

For these reasons, I urge the Commission to reconsider its action to add the Gray Wolf to the state's list of threatened or endangered species.

Thank you for your conscientious consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jim Nielsen

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Senator, Fourth District

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