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> The Honorable Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S. U.S. House of Representatives 2057 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support for the Enhancing Safety for Animals (ESA) Act

Dear Representative Gosar:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with constituents from Arizona and members of the New Mexico Federal Lands Council recently. Your willingness to listen to those directly impacted by the challenges posed by the Mexican wolf introduction is greatly appreciated.

For years, rural communities in New Mexico have expressed serious concerns about the reintroduction and management of the Mexican wolf. Residents, ranchers, and conservation districts alike have raised alarms over habituated wolves that threaten the safety of our people, pets, and livestock. Despite numerous petitions and outreach efforts, our calls for meaningful protections have too often gone unanswered.

Therefore, I wanted to join the San Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District and others in supporting your Enhancing Safety for Animals (ESA) Act (H.R. 4255), which would remove the Mexican wolf from the endangered species list and de-link U.S. recovery efforts from those in Mexico. This is a necessary step to restore balance and empower local communities to defend their way of life.

Thank you again for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Dow

New Mexico State Representative