

Protecting, Promoting, and Sustaining Arizona Cattle Ranching

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Congressman Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S. 2057 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Gosar:

On behalf of the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association, I would like to express our enthusiastic support for the passage of H.R. 4255, the Enhancing Safety for Animals Act. This experimental program of introducing the Mexican Wolf into our state has had devastating effects for our ranchers—small business owners who are providing beef for American consumers.

As you bring out in your bill, the recovery data in the United States is linked to the conservation activities in Mexico, over which we have no control whatsoever. This almost guarantees that no matter how many wolves have been documented in the US, the US Fish and Wildlife's recovery goals will likely not be met. Our members have lost cattle, horses, pets, and, most importantly, a sense of safety on their own property. These losses often go without compensation because meeting the evidentiary standards such as requiring evidence of subcutaneous hemorrhaging is often impossible because killed livestock are often not found for several days in the rugged terrain of many of our ranches.

In essence, our members are footing the bill for this experimental program of the federal government at tremendous loss to their small businesses. We thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Brian deGanahl, President

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