**RE: Please Vote NO on H.R. 764, the “Trust the Science Act”**

Dear Representative,

On behalf of our [NUMBER OF SIGNERS] organizations and our combined millions of members and supporters, we write to urge you to vote NO on H.R. 764, the Trust the Science Act, which is expected to be considered on the House floor this week.

H.R. 764, sponsored by Rep. Lauren Boebert, directs the Secretary of the Interior to reissue the final rule published on November 3, 2020, delisting the gray wolf within 60 days of enactment. The bill bars judicial review of the Secretary’s action delisting the wolf.

The gray wolf is an iconic keystone species that plays a vital role in keeping America’s ecosystems healthy. Gray wolf populations in the United States were decimated by decades of predator control programs, as well as loss of habitat and prey. Since receiving protection under the ESA in 1974, the gray wolf has begun a comeback, but remains far from recovered.

The rule that H.R. 764 would reinstate was hastily issued by the FWS at the end of the Trump administration to delist gray wolves in 44 states. The rule was challenged by conservation organizations and vacated by a federal district court in February 2022. The court found that the delisting decision improperly relied on two core populations to delist wolves nationally, failed to provide a reasonable interpretation of what constitutes a “significant” portion of the species’ range, ignored the fact that the ancestry of West Coast wolves was distinct from northern Rockies wolves, and did not consider for the impact of lost historical range on gray wolves.

The “Trust the Science Act” undermines the integrity of the ESA by forcing the reinstatement of the Trump administration’s scientifically indefensible delisting rule and precluding judicial review, undermining the rule of law that holds government officials accountable in the courts.

We urge you to vote NO on H.R. 764. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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