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Honorable Martha McSally  
4400 E. Broadway Blvd  
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RE: Addition of "Mexican Gray Wolf" with the "Gray Wolf's" removal from the Endangered Species List

Congresswoman McSally,

The Cochise County Board of Supervisors respectfully asks that you add the "Mexican Gray Wolf" (*Canis lupus baileyi*) into the legislation that U.S. Representative Reed Ribble, R-Wis. is preparing for the removal of the "Gray Wolf" from the Endangered Species Act List and include Arizona in the States effected.

U.S. Representative Ribble is leading the effort and the co-sponsors include U.S. Representatives Collin Peterson, D-Minn., Dan Benishek, R-Mich., and Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyo.

There has already been severe collateral damage to the citizens of Arizona and New Mexico in the current efforts by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to establish a wild population of Mexican Gray Wolves on settled landscapes in these two States.

Now, with the new 10j rule from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Mexican Gray Wolf experimental population area has expanded in Arizona North to I-40 and South to the Mexican border, to include all of Cochise County. This expansion takes in vast settled landscapes and will have major negative effects on the citizens, pets, businesses, livestock, and wildlife.

There is documented evidence showing that the establishment of wolves in settled landscapes not only negatively affects the residents, but negatively affects the preservation of the wolves as well. The only way to prevent the U.S. Fish and Wildlife from wasting millions of additional tax payer dollars and negatively affecting Cochise County residents is the removal of the Mexican Gray Wolf from the Endangered Species Act and precluding judicial review.

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This would put wolf management back into State wildlife agencies, where it belongs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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