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Chairman Bruce Westerman
House Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives

Re: Letter in Support of H.R. 4255, the Enhancing Safety for Animals Act

Dear Chairman Westerman and Distinguished Members:

The Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United Stockgrowers of America (R-CALF USA) strongly supports H.R. 4255, the Enhancing Safety for Animals Act, introduced by Representative Paul Gosar (R-AZ-09). The bill would appropriately delist the Mexican wolf from the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and nullify certain U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rules promulgated pursuant to the Act to increase the population of and expand the habitat for the Mexican wolf. The bill is needed to enable wolf control measures to protect the economic viability of American cattle and sheep producers whose livestock are highly susceptible to Mexican wolf predation.

With thousands of cattle and sheep farmers and ranchers in 43 states, including in Arizona and New Mexico, R-CALF USA is the largest producer-only non-profit trade association representing America's independent cattle producers.

The introduction of the Mexican wolf and its subsequent habitat expansion negatively impacts land-use options for private landowners and threatens the welfare of their livestock. For these reasons, R-CALF USA members support measures to protect their property (i.e., their cattle and sheep) from wolf predation, though the extent of livestock losses in wolf habitat is difficult to quantify. This is due to the expansive grazing areas in the Southwest, where livestock carcass remnants may not be located for many days after death, long after tell-tale wolf identification signs have disappeared.

R-CALF USA appreciates the introduction of H.R. 4255 and we urge the Members of the House Committee on Natural Resource to pass this important legislation out of the Committee.

Sincerely,

CEO