

# U.S. Sen. Johnson: Statement of support for House gray wolf legislation

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**WASHINGTON** — U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) issued the following statement Thursday after the House Committee on Natural Resources voted to advance H.R. 424, legislation that would delist the gray wolf in Wisconsin.

“For years I’ve heard about problems caused by the growing gray wolf population throughout northern Wisconsin. Most recently, those reports include fatal attacks on hunting dogs. Future gray wolf listing decisions should come from wildlife experts, not liberal judges,” Sen. Johnson said. “I will keep pushing my colleagues for congressional action on this bipartisan priority until it becomes law.”

Sen. Johnson has been a leader in the Senate to delist the gray wolf in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and has introduced legislation in the last two sessions of Congress to do so. Sen. Johnson’s bill restores the wolf to the status determined to be appropriate by Department of Interior wildlife experts and would allow wolf management plans that are based on federal and state wildlife expertise to move forward without any legal ambiguity.