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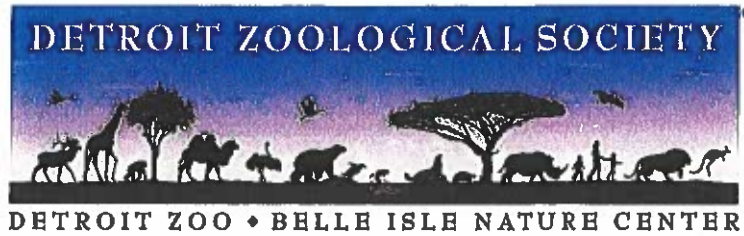
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Chair Gary Howell  
House Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Committee  
Room 307, House Office Building  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Dear Chairman Howell,

The Detroit Zoological Society opposes Senate Concurrent Resolution 0007 (2021), which urges the Natural Resources Commission to authorize, and the Department of Natural Resources to organize wolf hunting and trapping in Michigan, beginning in 2021.

According to the DNR, the state agency responsible for managing Michigan's wildlife, there are only around 695 wolves in Michigan, and the population has remained relatively stable over the last ten years. There is no science-based need to reduce the population size. Additionally, and contrary to the resolution, trophy hunting of wolves will likely cause pack disruption and disintegration, which increases the risk of displaced wolves coming into conflict with livestock and, potentially, humans.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a leader in science-based field conservation. We are engaged in field research and conservation in Michigan and worldwide, and we understand the critical importance of science in managing the delicate balance of ecological systems and human/wildlife conflict in our increasingly human-dominated world. We strongly oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution 0007 (2021) and the unscientific and reckless wildlife policy it seeks to drive in Michigan.

Respectfully,

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