

**Public Policy Position
HR 0087**

The Animal Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 216 members. The Animal Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Animal Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this item.

The Animal Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 15 members. On June 28, 2019, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 6 members voted in favor of the Section's position on HR 0087, 0 members voted against this position, 0 members abstained, 9 members did not vote.

Oppose

Explanation:

The Animal Law Section is opposed to this effort to encourage the US Fish and Wildlife Service to delist gray wolves. Scientists and scholars with expertise on this issue have urged the USFWS to keep gray wolves on the endangered species list. While their numbers have recovered somewhat, scientists note that they only occupy 15% of their original range and delisting them now could jeopardize the recovery and stability of the species. Further, this resolution ignores the will of Michigan voters, who voted against the wolf hunt on two separate occasions in 2014.

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