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Governor Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Inslee:

I watched the Democrat Presidential Debates recently and was impressed with your looking at the essence of matters and taking action for the State of Washington, where my son lived most of his life before he passed away three years ago. I am writing today to propose a solution to the Wolf Management Program in Washington, which my son was and his mother and I are heartfelt about. The solution is a non-lethal removal of wolves at no cost to the State.

I recently looked at the YouTube video by the relatively new Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Kelly Susewind. He tries to justify the killing of wolves and taking them off the endangered species list and has ignored the non-lethal solution I would like you to consider. In doing so he has essentially sided with ranchers who want to shoot wolves for sport or revenge. Many wolves have been killed, and one rancher is responsible for 18 wolves being killed. This clearly is not acceptable when a better solution exists.

I support the organization Lockwood Animal Rescue Center (LARC) who would come to Eastern Washington where many of the wolves are and rescue a whole pack by tranquilized darts, not shooting with bullets, and bring them back to the LARC property which includes 4000 acres in the Ventura Mountains in southwest California. The wolves would be put in remote areas in relative isolation from humans with very secure double-perimeter fencing where they could live out their lives. They would be prevented from breeding by the use of oral contraceptives. LARC is a non-profit organization and would pay for everything. It is the most humane, lowest cost solution for the State of Washington.

You may have seen the work of LARC on the "Wolves and Warriors" program which aired for eight episodes of Animal Planet TV last year. They employ veterans with PTSD to look after the wolves (feeding, medical care, fencing, etc.) and in so doing the veterans are helped by being outside and caring for the wolves. After a year a high percentage of the veterans are able to get jobs and go back to their families.

I have talked with the folks at LARC and they are willing to go to Washington State to talk with you and/or your staff anytime at their own expense. The contacts are the two founders: Matthew Simmons/wolf@lockwoodarc.org and Dr. Lorin [Lindner/doclindner@lockwoodarc.org](mailto:doclindner@lockwoodarc.org).

Please advise. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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