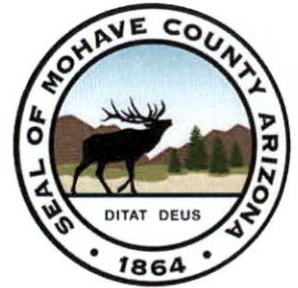


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## *Gary Watson, Supervisor District 1*

September 24, 2018

The Honorable Congressman Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.  
Chairman  
Congressional Western Caucus  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Gosar:

I really appreciate the efforts of the Congressional Western Caucus to modernize the ESA to provide opportunities and incentives for voluntary conservation while relieving innocent and well-meaning citizens from the negative unintended consequences experienced in the past. We appreciate your common sense efforts to relieve the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from frivolous petitions designed to overwhelm and thereby politically control the agency's decisions.

I recommend the enactment of the following Western Caucus ESA legislative proposals to resolve this regulatory uncertainty:

- LIST Act - Less Imprecision in Species Treatment Act
- PREDICTS Act - Permit Reassurances Enabling Direct Improvements For Conservation, Tenants, and Species Act
- EMPOWERS Act - Ensuring Meaningful Petition Outreach While Enhancing Rights of States Act
- STORAGE Act - Stop Takings on Reserves Antithetical to Germane Encapsulation Act
- WHOLE Act - Weigh Habitats Offsetting Locational Effects Act
- LOCAL Act - Land Ownership Collaboration Accelerates Life Act
- LAMP Act - Localizing Authority of Management Plans Act
- PETITION Act - "Permitting ESA Timing Improvements That Increase Opportunities for Non-listing Act
- Endangered Species Transparency and Reasonableness Act

The United States has been blessed with an abundance of natural resources including energy to power the U.S. economy and farmland feed the people. The Endangered Species Act should not be used to bludgeon communities into submission.

Best Regards,

Gary Watson, Supervisor Mohave County  
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