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Wolves are critical for maintenance of balance within our ecosystems. When the Wolf Compensation Fund was first created, it was used as a way to allocate funds for non-lethal preventative measures, provide financial assistance to livestock owners who verifiably lost livestock to wolves, and help build tolerance and coexistence. There has been gross misuse, waste and abuse of these funds, coupled with a decreased tolerance for wolves. The Wolf Compensation Program needs is more accountability and transparency, not more money.

We need an overhaul to ensure it's actually doing what it set out to do: support livestock operators for direct losses and build tolerance for wolves. There is little time to lose to reduce mortality rates of these important but endangered predators.