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2024 Candidate Questionnaire

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Candidate name: Gabriela Kroetch

Office seeking: MN State House of Representatives

Legislative District: 55A

Main Cities in the Legislative District: Savage, Burnsville

Political Party: Republican

Question 1.) Do you support the current law which allows for recreational hunting of wolves in Minnesota at the discretion of the DNR?

Candidate Response: I do not support the current law that allows for recreational hunting of wolves in Minnesota at the discretion of the DNR. Wolves play a crucial role in maintaining the ecological balance, and recreational hunting can disrupt their populations and lead to unintended consequences, including an increase in illegal wolf killings.

Question 2.) Do you support a ban on public wolf hunting and trapping in Minnesota?

Candidate Response: YES.

Question 3.) Do you support trapping reforms to eliminate snaring - a type of trapping that uses cheap wire nooses to catch animals? (

Candidate Response: Yes. The cruel nature of snares, along with their potential to cause severe injuries and fatalities, makes them an unacceptable practice.

Question 4.) Do you support requiring permission to trap on private property?

Candidate Response: Yes, I support requiring permission to trap on private property. Landowners should have the right to control what activities occur on their property, including trapping.

Question 5.) Do you support renewing adequate state funding to help farmers, wolves, and communities coexist by supporting smart and nonlethal strategies that prevent conflicts?

Candidate Response: Yes, I strongly support renewing adequate state funding to help farmers, wolves, and communities coexist through smart and nonlethal strategies.

FINAL: Please feel free to provide any additional comments relating to your responses above.

Candidate Response: As someone who deeply values the balance between protecting our wildlife and supporting our agricultural communities, I believe in fostering coexistence through humane and effective measures. Growing up in a country where respect for nature was ingrained in our culture, I understand the importance of preserving our ecosystems while

addressing the needs of those who share the land. By promoting nonlethal strategies, respecting property rights, and protecting our wildlife, we can create a more sustainable future for both people and animals in Minnesota. I'm committed to supporting policies that reflect these values and ensure a harmonious relationship between our communities and the natural world.