

# **HOWLING** FOR **WOLVES**<sup>®</sup>

## **2024 Candidate Questionnaire**

*Responses are included exactly as received/written*

**Candidate name:** Jake Ross

**Office seeking:** MN State House of Representatives

**Legislative District:** 33A

**Main Cities in the Legislative District:** Forest Lake, Hugo, Mahtomedi

**Political Party:** Democratic-Farmer-Labor

**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: No - I'm worried that the current law could lead to huge increases in illegal killing of wolves and make it difficult for Minnesota to sustain a healthy wolf population. Recent examples of legal wolf hunting being abused, such as the 2021 hunt in Wisconsin, make me even more worried about the potential for this law to destabilize our wolf population if legal wolf killing is allowed in the future.*

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

*Candidate Response: Yes - I support a ban on public wolf hunting and trapping in Minnesota.*

**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 - I support these reforms.*

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

*Candidate Response: Yes - I support having Minnesota adopt this requirement.*

**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 support renewing this funding.*

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

*Candidate Response: I look forward to working with Howling for Wolves during this election - and hopefully as a state representative - to ensure that Minnesota continues to sustain and protect a healthy wolf population.*