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To Ms. Carol Browner:

On behalf of the following conservation groups and our millions of members across the country, we want to thank President Obama for his campaign commitment to safeguard wildlife and natural resources from the impacts of global warming.

Natural resources are the backbone of public health and the American economy. Healthy natural systems provide clean water, clean air and protect communities from catastrophic weather-related disasters, ranging from hurricanes to floods to forest fires. Outdoor recreation, which is based on our nation's natural environment and includes hunting, fishing, camping, climbing, hiking, paddling, backcountry skiing, mountain biking, wildlife viewing, and other activities, contributes a total of \$730 billion annually to the economy, supporting 6.5 million jobs (1 of every 20 jobs in the U.S.), and stimulates 8% of all consumer spending, according to The Outdoor Foundation. The economic value of the natural environment is far higher when the vast range of ecosystem services is also included; conservative estimates tally these benefits at trillions of dollars annually. Given the grave threats posed by global warming, investing in our natural resources today will provide huge economic benefits for generations.

Safeguarding natural resources, oceans, wildlife populations and the people that rely on these resources is also a moral issue. The United States has an historic opportunity to help sustain today's unsurpassed natural legacy for our children and grandchildren, but we will need to invest in our natural resources if they are to survive a changing climate.

We applaud the following commitment President Obama made during the campaign in his energy plan regarding how a cap-and-trade program should be implemented:

*"A small portion of the receipts generated by auctioning allowances will be used... to provide new funding to state and federal land and wildlife managers to restore habitat, create wildlife migration corridors, and assist fish and wildlife to adapt to the effects of a warming climate."*

We further applaud the reiteration of this position in President Obama's *Plan to Support the Rights and Traditions of Sportsmen*.

We look forward to working with you, the full Obama Administration and the incoming Congress to accomplish our shared goal of protecting wildlife and natural resources from the impacts of global warming.

Sincerely,

## **National Organizations**

Access Fund	National Parks Conservation Association
American Canoe Association	National Wildlife Federation
American Fisheries Society	Nature Abounds
American Hiking Society	Ocean Conservancy
American Lands Alliance	Oceana
American Littoral Society	Outdoor Alliance
American Rivers	Outdoor Industry Association
American Whitewater	Pheasants Forever
American Wild Turkey Hunting Dog Association	Quail Forever
Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies	Quail Unlimited
Association of Zoos and Aquariums	Restore America's Estuaries
Boone & Crockett Club	Sierra Club
Conservation Force	The Nature Conservancy
Defenders of Wildlife	The Organization of Wildlife Planners
Ducks Unlimited	The Ruffed Grouse Society
Earth Friends Wildlife Foundation	The Trust for Public Land
Earthjustice	The Wilderness Society
Endangered Species Coalition	The Wildlife Society
Environmental Defense Fund	Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Federation of Flyfishers	Trout Unlimited
Gaia Global Consulting	Waterkeeper Alliance
HuntingLife.com	Wildlife Conservation Society
International Mountain Bicycling Association	Wildlife Management Institute
Izaak Walton League of America	Winter Wildlands Alliance
Land Trust Alliance	World Wildlife Fund
National Audubon Society	Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

## **Regional and Local Organizations**

10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania	Arizona Ecumenical Council Earth Care Commission
Alabama Chapter of The Wildlife Society	Arizona Wildlife Federation
Alaska Conservation Alliance	Arkansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Alaska SeaLife Center	Arkansas Trappers Association
Alaska Wildlife Alliance	Arkansas Wildlife Federation
Albemarle Environmental Association	Arrowhead Chapter Trout Unlimited
Allegheny Plateau Audubon Society	Association of Northwest Steelheaders
American Sportsmen Against Poachers	Atlanta Audubon Society
Animal Protection of New Mexico	Au Sable Big Water Preservation Association
Animal Protection Voters	Audubon New York
Appalachian Mountain Club	
Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society	

Audubon of Kansas  
Audubon Ohio  
Beech Creek Watershed Association  
Bill Dvorak's Kayak and Rafting  
Expeditions  
Blue Ridge Forever Coalition  
Boone Soil and Water Conservation  
District  
Briarpatch Conservation Club  
Bushnell, Caplan & Fielding  
Canton Studio  
Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy  
Cedar Bog Association  
Center for Native Ecosystems  
Central Mountains and Plains Section of  
The Wildlife Society  
Chestnut Ridge Chapter of Trout  
Unlimited  
Chichagof Conservation Council  
Chickasaw County Conservation Board  
Cienega Watershed Partnership  
Citizens Against OLF  
Citizens Campaign for the Environment  
Citizens Committee to Complete the  
Refuge  
Clark Fork Coalition  
Colorado Conservation Trust  
Columbiana County Federation of  
Conservation Clubs  
Conemaugh Valley Conservancy  
Connecticut Forest & Park Association  
Conservation Council for Hawai'i  
Conservation Federation of Missouri  
Conservation Northwest  
Conservation Trust for Florida, Inc.  
Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ  
Delaware Audubon Society  
Delaware Nature Society  
Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
East Ascension Sportsman's League  
ECHO  
Elkhorn Slough Foundation  
Environment Council of Rhode Island  
Environmental Advocates of New York  
Environmental and Cultural  
Conservation Organization  
Environmental Association of St.  
Thomas

Environmental League of Massachusetts  
Ernest Schwiebert Chapter of Trout  
Unlimited  
Firelands Audubon Society  
Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Florida Native Plant Society  
Florida Turtle Conservation Trust  
Florida Wildlife Federation  
Food Conspiracy Co-op  
Freshwater Future  
Friends of Alaska National Wildlife  
Refuges  
Friends of Pondicherry  
Friends of Pool 9, Upper Miss Refuge,  
IN  
Friends of Saguaro National Park  
Gallatin Wildlife Association  
Gates Au Sable Lodge  
Georgia Wildlife Federation  
Georgia Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Georgia River Network  
Great Lakes Council of the Federation of  
Fly Fishers  
Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
Greathorn Properties  
Greenway Network, Inc.  
Groundwater Awareness League  
Gulf Restoration Network  
Habitat and Wildlife Keepers  
Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc.  
Hawaii Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Heart of America Flyfishers  
Hellgate Hunters and Anglers  
High Country Citizens' Alliance  
High Country Flies  
High Sierra Rural Alliance  
Hoosier Fly Fishers  
Houston Audubon Society  
Hutchinson Recreation Commission  
Idaho Conservation League  
Idaho Wildlife Federation  
Indiana Wildlife Federation  
Iowa Audubon  
Iowa Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Iowa Environmental Council  
Iowa Wildlife Federation  
Izaak Walton League Michigan City  
Chapter

Izaak Walton League of America  
Pennsylvania Chapter  
Izaak Walton League, Johnson County  
Chapter  
Jackson County Conservation Club  
Joe Humphries Fly Fishing  
Kansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Kansas Wildlife Federation  
Keep Sedona Beautiful  
Kindred Wild Life Club  
Lacey Rail-Trail Environmental  
Committee  
Land Conservancy of Adams County  
Lands Council  
Las Vegas Flyfishing Club  
League of Kentucky Sportsmen  
League of Ohio Sportsmen  
Lebanon Valley Conservancy  
Lititz Run Watershed Association  
Louisiana Wildlife Federation  
Lynn Canal Conservation  
Macbride Raptor Project  
Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Maryland/Delaware Chapter of The  
Wildlife Society  
Massachusetts Audubon  
Matanuska Electric Ratepayers Alliance  
Michigan United Conservation Clubs  
Minnesota Conservation Federation  
Mississippi Wildlife Federation  
Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife  
Society  
Missouri Environmental Education  
Association  
Missouri Master Naturalists –  
Confluence Chapter  
Missouri Smallmouth Alliance  
Montana Audubon  
Montana Chapter of The Wildlife  
Society  
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks  
Montana Wildlife Federation  
Moshannon Group, Sierra Club  
National Wild Turkey Federation,  
Georgia Chapter  
Natural Resources Council of Maine  
Natural Systems Solutions  
Nebraska Wildlife Federation  
Nevada Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Nevada Wildlife Federation  
New England Chapter of The Wildlife  
Society  
New Hampshire Fish and Game  
New Jersey Audubon Society  
New Jersey Chapter of The Wildlife  
Society  
New Jersey Federation of Sportsman's  
Clubs  
New Mexico Wildlife Federation  
New York Chapter of The Wildlife  
Society  
North Carolina Falconers Guild  
North Carolina Wildlife Federation  
Northeast Section of The Wildlife  
Society  
Northeast Wilderness Trust  
Northern Alaska Environmental Center  
Northern Forest Alliance  
Northern Jaguar Project  
Northwest Habitat Institute  
Northwest River Guides  
Northwest Sportfishing Industry  
Association  
Northwest Weed Management  
Partnership  
NorthWoods Stewardship Center  
Ohio Bass Federation  
Ohio Bird Conservation International  
Ohio Environmental Council  
Oregon Anglers  
Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Oregon Council Trout Unlimited  
Orion The Hunter Institute  
Ozark Fly Fishers  
Pacific Forest Trust  
Passaic River Coalition  
Pella Wildlife Company  
Penns Creek Guides  
Penns Valley Conservation Association  
Pennsylvania Chapter of The Wildlife  
Society  
Pennsylvania Forest Coalition  
Planning and Conservation League  
Prairie Rivers Network  
Prescott College  
Puerto Rico Ornithological Society

Quiet Use Coalition  
Remington Arms Wildlife  
Renewable Resources Coalition  
Rio Grande Return  
River Valley Wildlife Federation  
Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative  
Sacramento-Shasta Chapter of The  
Wildlife Society  
San Miguel Greens of Colorado  
Santa Cruz River Alliance  
Save Our Stream  
Save the Manatee Club  
Shaw Nature Reserve  
Sheep Mountain Alliance  
Sierra Forest Legacy  
Sierra Nevada Conservation  
Sierra Nevada Deep Ecology Institute  
Silvertip Production  
Sirius Ecovillage  
Sky Island Alliance  
South Carolina Wildlife Federation  
South Dakota Wildlife Federation  
Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen  
Southwest Environmental Center  
Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers  
Space Coast Climate Initiative  
Spring River Sportsman Club  
St. Croix Environmental Association  
St. Francis Lake Association  
St. Petersburg Audubon Society  
Stoney Creek Valley Coalition  
Sugar Pine Foundation  
Tall Timbers Research Station and Land  
Conservancy  
Tennessee Clean Water Network  
Tennessee Environmental Council  
Tennessee Wildlife Federation  
Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Texas Conservation Alliance  
Texas League of Conservation Voters  
The Atlanta Fly Fishing School  
The Conservation League of Puerto Rico  
The Fyke Nature Association  
The Hilltop Conservation Club, Inc.  
The Rewilding Institute  
The Wilderness Society - Alaska  
Chapter  
The Wildlands Network  
Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council  
Tom Baltz Guide Service  
Trout Unlimited of California  
Tucson Audubon Society  
Tumbling Creek Cave Foundation  
U.S. Home Designs, Inc.  
Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper  
Utah Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Utah Waterfowl Association  
Valley Forge Chapter of Trout  
Unlimited  
Vermont Natural Resources Council  
Virgin Islands Conservation Society  
Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Virginia Conservation Network  
Virginia State Chapter of the National  
Wild Turkey Federation  
Virginia Teaming With Wildlife  
Leadership Council  
Wagner Conservation Coalition  
Washington Wildlife Federation  
Watershed Alliance of Adams County  
Watershed Management Group  
Wattensaw Bowhunters Association  
Weatherby's Fisherman Resort  
West Chester Fish, Game, and Wildlife  
West Chester Gun Club  
Westark Wildlife  
Western Lake Erie Waterkeeper  
Association  
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy  
Western Rivers Conservancy  
Western Section of The Wildlife Society  
White River Conservancy  
Wild Connections  
Wilderness Fly Fishers  
Wildlife Center of Virginia  
Wildlife Foundation of Florida  
Wildwood/Mahonia  
Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife  
Society  
Wisconsin Chapter of the Wildlife  
Society  
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation  
Wolf Creek Community Alliance  
WyEast Expeditions  
Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife  
Society

Wyoming Wildlife Federation  
Yell County Wildlife Federation  
Yellow Dog Flyfishing Adventures  
Youth Conservation Club – Lavaca High  
School  
Youth Conservation Club –Mansfield  
High School