



To: Teaming with Wildlife Coalition Members and Other Wildlife Enthusiasts

Date: November 12, 2007

Re: Sign-on Letter Supporting Wildlife Funding in Climate Change Legislation

Please join the Teaming with Wildlife Coalition in urging the Senate to support including wildlife conservation funding in climate change legislation. **To include your organization or business on the attached letter, please visit www.teaming.com/action/climate/ or email your name, title, organization and state to teaming@fishwildlife.org by December 3rd.**

America's Climate Security Act (S.2191), introduced by Senators Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) and John Warner (R-VA), proposes a cap-and-trade system that would reduce CO2 emissions to 57% below 1990 levels by 2050 and generate funding for a variety of programs helping people and the natural environment adapt to the impacts of climate change. The bill includes funding for the Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Program to help wildlife agencies and partners carry out actions to help wildlife in the face of climate change by implementing the state wildlife action plans. Your signature on the attached letter will help ensure this funding remains in the bill as it moves through the legislative process.

You can also help by forwarding this letter to other organizations and businesses in your community and if you haven't done so already, please join the Teaming with Wildlife Coalition by visiting www.teaming.com/action/. Teaming with Wildlife is a national coalition of more than 5,500 organizations, agencies and businesses who support increased funding for state-level programs of conservation, education, and recreation aimed at keeping wildlife from becoming endangered.

Thank you for your support.



December 3, 2007

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chairwoman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable James Inhofe
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Boxer and Senator Inhofe:

As leading members of the 5,500 organization strong Teaming with Wildlife Coalition, we urge you to support strong state wildlife adaptation funding in the Lieberman-Warner “America’s Climate Security Act” (S.2191). By providing funding to every state and territory through the Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Program, this bill will help ensure that state wildlife agencies and their partners have the resources needed to conserve wildlife and vital natural areas for future generations.

In response to a charge from Congress, the state wildlife agencies and their many conservation partners have worked together to complete wildlife action plans for every state and territory. As a coalition of conservation organizations, wildlife management professionals, outdoor enthusiasts, and other supporters of wildlife conservation, we’ve seen the tangible benefits of these plans in the communities where we live and work. Unfortunately, The landscape-level effects of climate change, including alteration of habitat, disruption to migratory patterns, changes in predator-prey interactions and the spread of invasive species are already placing greater stresses on fish and wildlife, eroding some of these recent gains.

Funding from America’s sportsmen and women has helped state fish and wildlife agencies manage fish and wildlife in a changing landscape for more than a century, but the pressures of climate change will dramatically increase the need for proactive actions to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat. **By allocating funds to the Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Program, the Lieberman-Warner bill recognizes that state fish and wildlife agencies are the primary managers of fish and wildlife resources in the United States and ensures that funds go to every state.**

The wildlife action plans, along with other landscape-scale conservation initiatives under development, provide a strategic platform for promptly delivering funding for on-the-ground projects to help fish and wildlife react to the challenge of climate change. **Organizations like ours are eager to help, but we’re counting on funding from federal climate change legislation to help us put these plans into action.**

Please join us in recognizing fish and wildlife conservation funding as an indispensable component of climate change legislation. With your help, we can take proactive actions to prevent wildlife from becoming endangered as the impacts of climate change hit home.

Sincerely,

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