

Hello, my name is Robert Osborn. I am the President of the New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society. I'm e-mailing you today to let you know that Congressmen Young, Grimm, Thompson and Kind are circulating a Dear Colleague Letter supporting "robust" funding for the State & Tribal Wildlife Grants program in FY14. I would greatly appreciate it if _____ would sign on to the letter this year. **The deadline for signing on is Tuesday April 16th**. Last year 110 members in the House signed the letter. The State & Tribal Wildlife Grants Program is the only federal program designed to prevent endangered species listings by conserving at-risk species identified in State Wildlife Action Plans. By signing on to this letter you will be supporting a program that is saving taxpayer dollars by preventing endangered species listings. I understand how difficult our fiscal situation is but this program has already been cut by 35% since 2010 so it has done its fair share to help reduce the deficit. Please let me know if your boss will be able to sign the letter. If you are able to sign on, please contact Erik Elam in Congressman Young's office at 202-225-5765 or Nicole Rohr in Congressman Thompson's office at 202-225-3311. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
Robert Osborn