

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell:

We respectfully request that in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress you pass a bipartisan package of pending legislation that would stimulate economic growth in local communities, enable more citizen-led conservation, preserve and studies important historic and cultural resources, and restore and enhance fish and wildlife resources.

In this Congress, Republicans and Democrats have worked together to advance bills that would, for example: improve battlefields and heritage areas; fight algal blooms; conserve healthy salmon watersheds; coordinate Great Lakes efforts; share the cost for invasive species eradication; protect and restore the nation's estuaries; foster partnerships to conserve fish habitat; protect America's hallowed Civil War battlefields and historic sites; expand species conservation efforts; and safeguard coral reefs. These bills are the result of extensive Capitol Hill collaboration and enjoy broad support from local elected officials, non-profit organizations, businesses, and other community leaders.

We are urging you to pass these bills now because they would bolster local economies by fostering more tourism, sustaining healthy fisheries, restoring fish and wildlife habitat, conserving historic resources, improving water supplies, increasing local investment, removing damaging invasive species, and enhancing recreation opportunities.

Passage of these bills would improve this Nation's economy and conserve the natural and cultural resources upon which many communities depend. On behalf of the organizations and individuals we represent, we respectfully request that you pass a package of legislation when you return to session.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Historic Preservation  
Alliance for Historic Wyoming  
American Fisheries Society  
American Fly Fishing Trade Association  
Audubon New Mexico  
Berkley Conservation Institute, Pure Fishing  
Caldera Action  
Californians for Western Wilderness  
Campfire Club of America

American Sportfishing Association  
Archaeological Institute of America  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
Association of National Estuary Programs  
Center for Desert Archaeology  
Civil War Preservation Trust  
Coastal States Organization  
Conservation Council for Hawai'i  
Dallas Safari Club

Friends of the Casa Grande Ruins  
Friends of the Inyo  
Friends of the Ironwood Forest  
Friends of the Sonoran Desert National Monument  
Hanalei Watershed Hui  
Hawai'i Community Stewardship Network  
Hawai'i Island Land Trust  
Hawai'i Reef Fish Recovery Project  
Historic Hawai'i Foundation  
International Game Fish Association  
Izaak Walton League of America  
Kaua'i Public Land Trust  
LOST FISH Coalition  
Marine Conservation Biology Institute  
Maui Coastal Land Trust  
Monterey Bay Aquarium  
National Center for Conservation Science & Policy  
National Parks Conservation Association  
National Wildlife Refuge Association  
NERRA  
New Mexico Wildlife Federation  
New Mexico Wilderness Alliance

North Shore Community Land Trust  
O'ahu Land Trust  
Ocean Conservancy  
OR Wild  
Restore America's Estuaries  
Rio Grande Return  
Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society  
Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance  
Save the Sound  
Seaweb  
Society for American Archaeology  
The Conservation Fund  
The Larch Company  
The National Trust for Historic Preservation  
The Nature Conservancy  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
The Trust for Public Land  
The Wildlife Society  
Trout Unlimited  
Turtle Island Restoration Network  
Wild Salmon Center  
Wildlife Conservation Society  
Wildlife Management Institute  
Windward Ahupua'a Alliance