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Conservation Voters * National Audubon Society * National Parks Conservation
Association * Natural Resources Defense Council* Ocean Conservancy * Oceana*
Oxfam America * The Wilderness Society * The Wildlife Society * Trust for Public
Lands * Sierra Club * Union of Concerned Scientist

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Representative Nita M. Lowey
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Senator Patrick Leahy
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U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairwoman Lowey and Ranking Member Leahy:

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters across the country, thank you for your ongoing support for families and businesses in these difficult times. We recognize and appreciate your vast responsibility in providing for public health and economic recovery needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, while simultaneously drafting FY21 funding bills.

This year, to aid you in this process, the environmental community came together to create a list of policy and funding priorities, in which each group gave their top three priorities. These priorities share significant support from various parts of the community because they continue to protect our natural environment, health and families and children. However, the list is not exhaustive of other needs and priorities identified by one or more of the groups. Similarly, each priority may not be shared by every group. There are many other needs that our groups have outlined to you that we hope you can consider, but this document elevates the highest priorities.

This year, by working together, we hope the priorities in this document will further ensure critical environmental safeguards for our air, water, children, public lands, and wildlife. In this critical time, we want to make sure we do everything possible as a community to secure the success and health of future generations.

Thank you for your time and attention to these priorities.

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Request	Description	Key Groups/Contacts
Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies		
Funding Ask/Funding Limitations		
\$100 million for new line item within DOE's Advanced Manufacturing Office	This funding would award competitive grants to eligible entities for first of a kind commercialization projects—including demonstrations and pilots—of technologies that lower GHG emissions of U.S. energy-intensive manufacturers, including electrification, fuel, and material switching, and industrial CCUS.	Blue Green Alliance, Union of Concerned Scientists, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club, USW, NWF, UWUA, SEIU, AFT, CWA, UA, EDF, BAC, LCV
Funding Limitation: Department of Energy Office of Nuclear Energy		EarthWorks, Endangered Species Coalition, Earthjustice, Natural Resources Defense Council, The Wilderness Society
\$25 million for DOE EV/Clean School Bus Pilot	\$25 million for a pilot Clean School Bus Grant Program at the Department of Energy to replace old diesel school buses with electric school buses; deploy re-charging infrastructure; support workforce development and training; and provide planning and technical assistance to school districts, local governments and states interested in improving community health and sustainability through electrification of their school bus fleets. Awards should be prioritized to school districts serving disadvantaged communities.	EDF, Moms Clean Air Force, League of Conservation Voters, Environment America, Sierra Club, Earthjustice, ELPC
\$250 million for Everglades Restoration	\$250 million for Everglades restoration efforts within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, \$3.2 million for the EPA South Florida program, and \$5.95 million for the USGS Greater Everglades Priority Ecosystem Science Program. America's Everglades is the lifeblood of South Florida's environment, economy, and lifestyle. These programs are necessary to sustain and enhance efforts to restore and protect the environment and waters essential to communities in South Florida.	Everglades Coalition, National Audubon Society, Sierra Club
\$428 million for the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E)	ARPA-E supports early-stage alternative energy projects that have the potential to transform the energy system and are essential for the transition to a clean energy economy needed to slow the causes of climate change.	NRDC, UCS, National Audubon Society, Sierra Club, LCV, EDF
\$3.066 billion for the DOE's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) office	<p>This represents an increase of about \$218M over FY20 funding. EERE invests one-third of its budget in the national laboratories and the applied technology offices support the research, development, and deployment of innovative energy, transportation, building, and manufacturing technologies by making them more efficient, affordable, and accessible.</p> <p>We are requesting funding increases for following important programs under EERE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$400 million for DOE Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program (\$37M increase over FY20) • \$314 million for DOE Building Program (\$29M increase over FY20) • \$330 million for DOE Solar Energy Program (\$50M increase over FY20) • \$120 million for DOE Wind Energy Program (\$16M increase over FY20) • \$435 million for DOE Advanced Manufacturing Office (\$40M increase over FY20) • \$435 million for DOE Vehicle Technologies Program (\$39M increase over FY20) • \$165 million for DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Program (\$15M increase over FY20) <p>Funding analysis attributable to NRDC</p>	Union of Concerned Scientists, NRDC, Earthjustice, EDF, National Audubon Society
Office of Electricity	OE leads DOE's work to ensure that the nation's electricity system is secure, resilient, reliable, and flexible by driving grid modernization and resiliency in energy infrastructure through technological innovation, analysis and demonstration. The Energy Storage Program supports R&D on a range of storage technologies that are creating a more resilient and reliable electric grid, allowing us to store and dispatch electricity more efficiently and with more control, as well as providing increased utilization of renewable energy resources like wind and solar.	Union of Concerned Scientists, National Audubon Society
Interior, Environment and Related Agencies		
Policy Ask		
Remove Sage Grouse rider	We are asking that the committee please ensure that a rider from previous years prohibiting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) from considering the greater sage-grouse for protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) is excluded from the final FY2021 appropriations bill for Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies.	Large coalition of 100+ groups including Defenders of Wildlife, The Wilderness Society, National Audubon Society, NRDC, Sierra Club, Earthjustice, American Bird Conservatory
Maintain funding limitation on 2020 Arctic Refuge lease sale	In the FY2020 Interior Appropriations Bill, we request that the same language that was in the underlying bill text for FY2020 for Arctic Refuge lease sale minimum bid be included in FY2021: "None of the funds made available to the Secretary of the Interior by this or any other Act may be used to conduct a lease sale pursuant to section 20001(c)(1) Public Law 115-97 (16 U.S.C. 3143 note) that does not contain a national minimum acceptable bid amount sufficient to produce Federal receipts to the Treasury, net of any State share, of not less than an amount equal to 50 percent of the amount required by section 2001(b) of H."	Arctic Refuge Coalition, including Environment America, Alaska Wilderness League, Sierra Club, National Audubon Society, NRDC, The Wilderness Society, LCV
Maintain funding limitation for 2020 Tongass subsidies	In FY2020 an amendment was offered that called for no funds to be made available for the plan, design, study, or construction for the purpose of harvesting timber by private entities or individuals or to develop roads within the Tongass National Forest. We would like to see the language included in this year's FY2021 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Bill. Language: "None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to plan, design, study, or construct, for the purpose of harvesting timber by private entities or individuals, a forest development road in the Tongass National Forest."	Tongass Coalition, including NRDC, National Audubon Society, The Wilderness Society, Earthjustice, Environment America, Sierra Club, Alaska Wilderness League, LCV
Direct EPA to conduct a study on impacts of MATS rule change	These safeguards that are under attack protect communities across the country from dangerous mercury and toxic pollution from power plants. Mercury is a powerful neurotoxin linked with damage to the brain, to the nervous system, and to fetal development.	EDF, MCAF, Sierra Club, ELPC, National Parks Conservation Association
Block expanded oil and gas drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf	Block expanded oil and gas drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf block and seismic surveys in areas that were not included for leasing in the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program (November 2016).	Large coalition of groups opposing offshore drilling, including Oceana, Environment America, National Parks Conservation Association, National Audubon Society, NRDC, Sierra Club, and others

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Support House bill language on Chaco Canyon and Boundary Waters	One-year moratorium on O&G leasing and development within 10 miles of Chaco Culture National Historical Park. Support language proposed by Rep. McCollum to protect the Boundary Waters from mining threats.	The Wilderness Society, Sierra Club, LCV, National Parks Conservation Association, Earthjustice, NRDC
Prohibit leasing, preleasing, and other activities within national monuments	Leave intact the existing DOI appropriations amendment prohibiting leasing, preleasing and related activities within the boundaries of national monuments, as such boundaries existed on January 20, 2001.	The Wilderness Society, Sierra Club, National Parks Conservation Association, National Audubon Society, Earthjustice, NRDC
Keep the moratorium on mining patents	Every year since 1994, appropriators have included a funding limitation on BLM processing mineral patents for hardrock minerals (gold, silver, copper etc.) in the Interior/Environment appropriations bill. This funding limitation prevents foreign mining companies from privatizing our public lands without our consent. The provision usually reads something like this: MINING APPLICATIONS SEC. 404. (a) LIMITATION OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available pursuant to this Act shall be obligated or expended to accept or process applications for a patent for any mining or mill site claim located under the general mining laws.	Earthworks, Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society
Funding Ask		
Fund the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance at \$552 million	Create a new program under it called the Office of Cumulative Impacts to be funded at \$100 million: EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) is the Agency's program dedicated to improving compliance and enforcing the nation's environmental laws. Without an active and vigorous enforcement program, EPA cannot implement its mission of protecting public health and the environment. Far too often, enforcement action is lacking in environmental justice communities. Additionally, EPA must create a new office, to be under the Office of Enforcement, titled the Office of Cumulative Impacts. This office will identify overburdened communities, using EPA's EJScreen tool, that are vulnerable to various sources of toxic pollution. To do this, EPA's EJScreen must be mandated and funded by law. The Office of Cumulative impacts will make policy recommendations on how to mitigate legacy pollution as well as recommend and enforce civil and criminal legal action	Sierra Club
Reinstate and fund the Office of Environmental Justice at EPA at \$100 million	This office provides EPA its internal capacity for environmental justice policy and decision making. The office also ensures that environmental justice communities have access to EPA's capacity and skills and can benefit from specialized agency programs. In addition to reinstating the office, Congress must provide \$100 million in funding for EPA to administer small grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUS), tribal colleges and other majority minority serving academic institutions with environmental and public health programs. These funds should also go to nonprofits working in environmental justice communities as community grants.	Sierra Club
Fund EPA's Superfund and Brownfield programs at \$20.0 billion with funding set aside for workforce training and renewable energy development	To accelerate toxic site cleanup and protect the 53 million people living within three miles of the existing 1,836 Superfund sites, stimulus legislation should increase the \$1.16 billion appropriated to Superfund in 2019 to \$20 billion. To ensure that communities are protected into the future, all Superfund sites must incorporate the local impacts of climate change in their planning and remediation, similar to what is prescribed in the Preparing Superfund for Climate Change Act. Funding must also be increased for the Brownfields program which drives economic growth by providing funds and technical assistance to assess and clean up contaminated property sites for redevelopment and helps promote successful local economic development in communities across the United States. Brownfield redevelopment must incorporate community-driven planning and protect against community displacement.	Sierra Club
Fund the Clean Water State Revolving Fund at \$6 billion and Drinking Water State Revolving fund at \$1.95 billion	The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) at \$6B, with a 20 percent set-aside for green/natural infrastructure under the Green Project Reserve, and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) fully at the authorized level of \$1,950,000,000 for FY2021	Environment America, Clean Water for All Coalition, Sierra Club
\$90 million for State and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program	The State and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program provides funding to states, territories, District of Columbia and tribal fish and wildlife agencies to prevent and recover endangered species. The program serves as a principal source of funding to implement State Wildlife Action Plans that identified 12,000 Species of Greatest Conservation Need. The plans are approved by and the funding is administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.	Trails Coalition, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, The Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society, NWF, National Audubon Society, fish and wildlife agencies for 56 states, territories and the District of Columbia
Significantly increase funding for five USFWS ESA programs	We are asking for a total \$531.5M, increase of \$300.1M among the following: 1) Listing total \$55M, increase of \$34.7M; 2) Recovery total \$213M, increase of \$110M; 3) Consultation total \$141M, increase of \$32 M; 4) Candidate Conservation total \$13.3M, level funding; 5) Cooperative Endangered Species Fund total \$109M, increase of \$54.5M.	More than 110 groups signed letter making this request.
Increase funding for package of bird conservation programs to reverse massive bird declines	Migratory Bird Joint Ventures to \$19.9 million, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to \$6.5 million, NAWCA to \$50 million, State and Tribal to \$70 million, State of the Birds to \$5 million, and invasive species control on refuges to \$10 million.	Large Coalition of 175+ groups, including National Audubon Society, American Bird Conservancy
Prioritize funding for infrastructure projects	These projects rely on sustainable or natural materials to increase infrastructure resiliency and longevity; reintroduce or preserve native flora; create resilient and sustainable water and waste management systems, particularly through implementing natural alternatives like wetlands, dune restoration, and natural vegetation buffers; and reduce wildlife conflict using wildlife corridors and crossings.	Endangered Species Coalition
\$74.227 million for Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Visitor Services	We are asking for an increase for the Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Visitor Services of at least 74.22 million.	Trails Coalition, American Hiking Society, Sierra Club
\$586 million for the National Wildlife Refuge System	This network of lands and waters provides opportunities for fish, wildlife, and plant restoration. Funding to protect the ecosystems and resources provided through land management, invasive species removal and other activities in the system are important for birds and bird survival.	CARE coalition, National Audubon Society

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\$25 million for the USGS Ecosystems Cooperative Research Units Program	This program works with federal, state, university, and NGO partners to be responsive to the needs of natural resource professionals working on the front lines of conservation. This outsized partner support has allowed non-federal dollars to be leveraged at a 3-1 ratio. The forty units across program house USGS scientists at public universities, who in turn educate the next generation of natural resource professionals. The Trump Administration has proposed to zero out this program in FY2021.	National Cooperators Coalition, Ecological Society of America, American Fisheries Society, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
\$6.525 million to the National Park Service for specific accounts	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3.925 million for implementation of Comprehensive River Management Plans for all 16 Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers; \$150,000 for interagency Wild and Scenic River training; \$500,000 for National Program Coordination and 2 FTE; \$1 million for Regional Program Assistance for coordination and technical assistance for all six 6 NPS Regions; \$1 million for the Challenge Cost Share program placed in the Operation of the National System Programs, Recreation and Partnership Project Funds, Challenge Cost Share Program line to support state agency staff river management training, resource protection, access improvements, leveraging community involvement, and youth engagement, and non-federal matching funds. 	Wild and Scenic Rivers Coalition (American Rivers, American Whitewater, Adventure Scientists, Farmington River Watershed Association, Inc., Friends of the River, Foothill Conservancy, Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, Molalla River Watch Watershed Council, Musconetcong Watershed Association, National Rivers Project, School of Earth and Sustainability at Northern Arizona University, River Network, Snake River Fund, St. Croix River Association, Sudbury, Assabet & Concord Wild & Scenic River Stewardship Council, White Clay Creek National Wild and Scenic River, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve)
\$8 million to the Bureau of Land Management in support of ongoing management of designated rivers and the State and District level	\$8 million to the Bureau of Land Management in support of ongoing management of designated rivers and the State and District level. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$150,000 for interagency Wild and Scenic River training Initiate new Comprehensive River Management Plans for recently-designated rivers 	Wild and Scenic Rivers Coalition (American Rivers, American Whitewater, Adventure Scientists, Farmington River Watershed Association, Inc., Friends of the River, Foothill Conservancy, Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, Molalla River Watch Watershed Council, Musconetcong Watershed Association, National Rivers Project, School of Earth and Sustainability at Northern Arizona University, River Network, Snake River Fund, St. Croix River Association, Sudbury, Assabet & Concord Wild & Scenic River Stewardship Council, White Clay Creek National Wild and Scenic River, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve)
Fully fund LWCF	Full funding for LWCF and \$30 million to support highly-leveraged investments for top-priority close-to-home outdoor spaces and recreational opportunities. This program is included as part of the overall funding for the LWCF State and Local Assistance Program. We ask the Subcommittee to ensure that continued funding for the ORLP initiative is provided in addition to robust funding for the formula grants to the states for conservation and outdoor recreation.	LWCF and Outdoor Recreation Initiative, Sierra Club, Environment America, The Wilderness Society, NRDC, National Audubon Society
Increase operation of the National Park System by \$94 million	NPS is struggling with insufficient staff and other operating needs. Between 2011 and 2019, the park service lost 16% of its staff while at the same time struggling to accommodate a 17% increase in visitation. This increase will help address the staffing shortage and provide for other operating needs including maintenance.	National Parks Conservation Association, Sierra Club, National Parks Second Century Action Coalition
Fund U.S. Forest Service Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFRLRP) at \$80 million.	Request that the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFRLRP) be funded at \$80 million. CFRLRP encourages the collaborative and science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes while benefiting local communities. CFRLRP is unique among government programs in that it was established specifically to promote job stability and forest health, and to reduce emergency wildfire costs and risks.	Earthjustice, Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society
\$87 million for EPA's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Program	\$87 million for EPA's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Program and language that includes the following: "The Committee recommends that in administering the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act program, the Environmental Protection Agency increase the funding for zero-tailpipe power source vehicles."	Earthjustice, Sierra Club, Union of Concerned Scientists
Forest Service Legacy Roads and Trails language: reinstate at \$50 million	Request that the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) Legacy Roads and Trails (LRT) program be reinstated at \$50M as a distinctly separate program within the Capital Improvement and Maintenance budget. The LRT program has significantly enhanced the Forest Service's ability to address key problems associated with its aging and poorly maintained road system, including repairing roads and trails needed for public access, replacing failed or undersized culverts to improve aquatic passage and retire unneeded roads to prevent sediment pollution from entering waterways important for salmon, trout, and other aquatic species.	Earthjustice, Sierra Club, The Wilderness Society
\$100 million for capital improvement and maintenance of trails		American Hiking Society, Trails Coalition, Trails Move People, The Wilderness Society
\$13.478 million for NPS Funding for Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program		American Hiking Society, Trails Coalition, Trails Move People, Sierra Club
\$84 million for BLM National Conservation Lands trail-related funding		American Hiking Society, Trails Coalition, Trails Move People, The Wilderness Society
USFS Rangeland and Research	Support for the continuation of the wildlife and fish research program within Forest and Rangeland Research. The program has been eliminated in the FY21 request.	Ecological Society of America, American Fisheries Society, The Wildlife Society
State and Foreign Operations		
Funding Ask		

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\$110.66 million for combating Wildlife Trafficking Programs (State/INL & USAID)	Wildlife trafficking is a transnational organized crime worth as much as \$23 billion annually that is driving a global poaching crisis and helping finance criminal syndicates and extremist groups. Illegal and unregulated wildlife trade is also closely tied to zoonotic disease transmission, including COVID-19, which originated in wildlife and appears to have been transmitted in a wildlife market. Combating Wildlife Trafficking programs at the State Department INL Bureau and USAID help disrupt wildlife trafficking networks, strengthen wildlife law enforcement, reduce demand, and improve antipoaching efforts and ranger training. These programs should be funded at \$110.66M in FY21.	WWF, International Fund for Animal Welfare, TNC (CI & WCS)
\$139.6 million for Global Environment Facility	The Global Environment Facility (GEF) is an independently operated, international financial facility that unites 183 countries with international institutions, civil society, and the private sector to address global environmental issues such as biodiversity loss, land degradation, and wildlife trafficking. The GEF helps countries improve environmental governance, prevent the overexploitation of natural resources and protect globally important forests and fish stocks. The U.S. contribution to the GEF should be level-funded at \$139.6 million in FY21.	WWF, TNC, Oxfam, CI, WCS
Funding to staff the Interagency Working Group on IUU Fishing	The Maritime Safe Act, which was included in the FY20 National Defense Authorization Act, established an "Interagency Working Group on IUU Fishing" to be co-chaired by NOAA, Coast Guard, and State Department. A whole-of-government approach is necessary to counter IUU fishing and related threats to maritime security.	Oceana, Stimson Center, WWF, NRDC
\$330 million for USAID biodiversity programs		International Fund for Animal Welfare, Multinational Species Coalition, Wildlife Trafficking Coalition
\$192 million for adaptation programs		Oxfam America, WWF, UCS, NRDC, MercyCorps, Ceres, FCNL
\$194 million for renewable energy programs		Oxfam America, WWF, UCS, NRDC, MercyCorps, Ceres, FCNL, Sierra Club
\$500 million for the Green Climate Fund		Oxfam America, WWF, UCS, NRDC, MercyCorps, Ceres, FCNL
Commerce, Justice, Science		
\$6 million for North Atlantic right whale-related research and development.	At least \$1 million of this total would go towards the continuation of the fishing gear pilot program established in last year's bill. Additionally, continued funding of last year's plankton recorder study at \$300,000.	NARW lobbying coalition, including NRDC, HSLF, Sierra Club, Oceana
\$10 million for NOAA Marine Debris Program under Coastal Science, Assessment, Response and Restoration (NOS)		Ocean Conservancy
\$967,657,000 for NMFS topline (\$20 million increase over FY20)		Ocean Conservancy, National Audubon Society
Fund NOAA's Integrated Ocean Acidification Program at \$22 million		Ocean Conservancy, NRDC
\$4 Million for Regional Data Portals under Coastal Zone Management and Services (NOS)		Ocean Conservancy
Funding for Seafood Import Monitoring Program for data analysis	Request for report language: To strengthen implementation of the Seafood Import Monitoring Program, the Committee directs the National Marine Fisheries Service to increase coordination with the Commercial Targeting and Analysis Center (CTAC) in the Department of Homeland Security to develop additional analytical tools to help identify imports that are of high risk of illegal fishing and seafood fraud to inform targeted inspections and enforcement.	Oceana, Ocean Conservancy
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Transportation, Housing and Urban Development		
\$175 million for FTA's Low or No-Emission Bus Grant Program		Clean Cars Coalition - UCS NRDC, ELP, Earthjustice, EDF, LCV, Environment America, Sierra Club
Fund the Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program at \$100 million	This relatively new program, created under the FAST Act, provides funding for public lands agencies' large transportation infrastructure projects.	National Parks Conservation Association
Defense, Military Constructions and VA, Department of Homeland Security		
Prohibit use or transfer of any federal funds for the construction of border walls and related infrastructure and rescind current funding		Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club, Earthjustice, LCV, No Border Wall Coalition
Labor, Health and Human Services		
Increased funding for NIEHS PFAS research		Green Policy Institute, Sierra Club
7.2% increase for NIEHS research		Green Policy Institute, Sierra Club
Agriculture		
Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) funding of \$50 million mandatory and \$20 million discretionary		Environmental Law and Policy Center, EDF, +broad coalition support