

May 27, 2021

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate
S-221 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
U.S. Senate
S-230 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 2051

Dear Leaders Schumer, McConnell, and McCarthy and Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of our tens of millions of members and supporters across the country, we respectfully request your support for significantly increasing funding for environmental agencies and programs in Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22). We ask that you set a 302(a) allocation for FY22 that meets or exceeds the \$769 billion in non-defense discretionary spending included in President Biden's budget proposal. This allocation is necessary to rebuild and properly equip the crucial agencies and programs that protect our health, lands, wildlife, air, water, oceans, and climate.

Environmental agencies and programs have been limited over the past decade under the draconian spending caps of the Budget Control Act. The FY22 budget must prioritize environmental spending and rebuilding capacity at the agencies, reinvigorating critical programs and meeting the needs of workers and families. The President's budget proposal supplements the American Jobs Plan with big investments to fix our crumbling infrastructure and adopt a whole-of-government approach to climate action. We can meet these challenges by creating good-paying American jobs, supporting our communities, reducing harmful pollution, investing in environmental justice, and protecting public lands, oceans, and wildlife. However, a significantly improved 302(a) allocation that increases non-defense spending is needed to accomplish this important goal.

Congress has a historic opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the public and secure a more just and prosperous future for all. Our communities, families, and economy need your support. Our community stands ready to support your leadership in meeting this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alaska Wilderness League Action
American Hiking Society
American Horse PAC
American Wild Horse Campaign
Appalachian Trail Conservancy
Arizona Interfaith Power & Light
Azul
Clean Water Action
Climate Law & Policy Project
Conservation Lands Foundation
Corazon Latino
Defenders of Wildlife
Delaware Interfaith Power & Light
Earthjustice
Earthworks
Endangered Species Coalition
Environmental Defense Fund
Environmental Law & Policy Center
Environmental Protection Network
For Love of Water (FLOW)
Freshwater Future
Friends of the Earth U.S.
Georgia Interfaith Power and Light
Green the Church
GreenLatinos
Hispanic Access Foundation
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, USA-JPIC
Humane Society Legislative Fund
Huron River Watershed Council

Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited
Interfaith Power & Light
Lake Erie Advocates
League of Conservation Voters
Los Padres ForestWatch
Michigan Interfaith Power & Light
Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Moms Clean Air Force
National Audubon Society
National Parks Conservation Association
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
Ocean Conservancy
Oceana
Onondaga Audubon
Oregon Wild
Partnership for Policy Integrity
Partnership for the National Trails System
Religious Coalition for the Great Lakes
Save the Dunes
School Sisters of St. Francis
Sierra Club
Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi
Solutions from the Land
The Wilderness Society
Trout Unlimited
Union of Concerned Scientists
World Wildlife Fund