



March 24, 2011

Dear Senator:

The National Audubon Society stands with our chapters and 21 state offices to share our grave concerns about the funding battle that is currently pending in the Senate. The extreme and reckless bill completed by the House, HR 1, devastates many of the programs funded by Congress that help provide for clean air, clean water, and vital natural areas for birds, wildlife and people. These programs are important to all Americans and we hope that as the Senate moves forward you will soundly reject the draconian cuts contained in the House bill.

The House bill guts the broadly supported Land and Water Conservation Fund, cutting funding by 90 percent. This funding provides protection for lands and wildlife habitat in our National Wildlife Refuges, Parks, Forests and other public lands. Each day, 6,000 acres of open space are lost in the U.S. to habitat fragmentation and destruction. Once these lands are lost, they can never be recovered.

The entire Environmental Protection Agency is facing a \$3 billion cut to its budget, the largest in 30 years. Such cuts would jeopardize its ability to reduce greenhouse gas pollution and protect our families and the environment.

In addition to the cuts to critical programs, the House bill actually eliminates two programs that are essential to people, birds and other wildlife. HR 1 removes all funding from the North American Wetlands Conservation fund, a critical program that helps preserve wetlands throughout the country. If HR 1 were to pass in its current form, it also would remove any federal funding to State Wildlife Grants, an important source of funding in each state for wildlife programs. These grants help states cost-share many conservation activities.

The upcoming weeks are critical to our nation and our environment. I urge you to oppose the irresponsible cuts contained in HR 1.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO

**Alabama**

Birmingham Audubon Society  
Mobile Bay Audubon Society

**Arizona**

Audubon Arizona  
Desert Rivers Audubon Society  
Huachuca Audubon Society  
Maricopa Audubon Society  
Northern Arizona Audubon Society  
Prescott Audubon Society  
Sonoran Audubon Society  
White Mountain Audubon Society  
Yuma Audubon Society

**Alaska**

Arctic Audubon Society  
Audubon Alaska  
Juneau Audubon Society  
Kodiak Audubon Society  
Prince William Sound Audubon Society

**Arkansas**

Audubon Arkansas  
Audubon Society of Central Arkansas  
Arkansas Valley Audubon Society  
Garland County Audubon Society  
Northwest Arkansas Audubon Society

**California**

Altacal Audubon Society  
Audubon California  
Buena Vista Audubon Society  
Central Sierra Audubon Society  
Conejo Valley Audubon Society  
El Dorado Audubon Society  
Fresno Audubon Society  
Golden Gate Audubon Society  
Kern Audubon Society  
Kerncrest Audubon Society  
Knob and Valley Audubon Society  
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Los Angeles Audubon Society  
Madrone Audubon Society  
Marin Audubon Society  
Mendocino Coast Audubon Society  
Monterey Audubon Society  
Morro Coast Audubon Society  
Mt. Diablo Audubon Society  
Napa Solano Audubon Society  
Palomar Audubon Society  
Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society  
Pasadena Audubon Society  
Peregrine Audubon Society  
Plumas Audubon Society  
Pomona Valley Audubon Society  
Redbud Audubon Society  
Redwood Region Audubon Society  
San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society  
San Diego Audubon Society  
San Fernando Valley Audubon Society  
Sacramento Audubon Society  
San Joaquin Audubon Society  
Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society  
Santa Barbara Audubon Society  
Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society  
Sea and Sage Audubon Society  
Sequoia Audubon Society  
Sierra Foothills Audubon Society  
Stanislaus Audubon Society  
Ventura Audubon Society  
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Yolo Audubon Society  
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**Colorado**

Audubon Colorado  
Audubon Society of Greater Denver  
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Evergreen Audubon Society  
Fort Collins Audubon Society  
Grand Valley Audubon Society  
Roaring Fork Audubon Society  
Weminuche Audubon Society  
Yolo Audubon Society

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Naugatuck Valley Audubon Society  
Potapaug Audubon Society  
Quinnipiac Valley Audubon Society

**District of Columbia**

Audubon Society of the District of  
Columbia

**Florida**

Apalachee Audubon Society  
Audubon of Florida  
Audubon Society of the Everglades  
Audubon of Southwest Florida  
Bay County Audubon Society  
Choctawhatchee Audubon Society  
Citrus County Audubon Society  
Clearwater Audubon Society  
Collier County Audubon Society  
Duval Audubon Society  
Flagler Audubon Society  
Florida Keys Audubon Society  
Four Rivers Audubon Society  
Francis M. Weston Audubon Society  
Halifax River Audubon Society  
Hendry-Glades Audubon  
Hernando Audubon Society  
Highlands County Audubon Society  
Kissimmee Valley Audubon Society  
Lake Region Audubon Society  
Manatee County Audubon Society  
Oklawaha Valley Audubon Society  
Orange Audubon Society  
Peace River Audubon Society  
Pelican Island Audubon Society  
Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society  
Santa Fe Audubon Society  
Sarasota Audubon Society  
Seminole Audubon Society  
Southeast Volusia Audubon Society  
South Florida Audubon Society  
Space Coast Audubon Society  
St. Lucie Audubon Society

St. Petersburg Audubon Society  
Tampa Audubon Society  
Tropical Audubon Society  
Venice Area Audubon Society  
West Pasco Audubon Society  
West Volusia Audubon Society

**Georgia**

Augusta-Aiken Audubon Society  
Oconee Rivers Audubon Society  
Ogeechee Audubon Society

**Idaho**

Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society  
Golden Eagle Audubon Society  
Palouse Audubon Society  
Portneuf Valley Audubon Society

**Illinois**

Chicago Audubon Society  
Decatur Audubon Society  
John Wesley Powell Audubon Society  
Lake County Audubon Society  
Northwest Illinois Audubon Society  
Sand Ridge Audubon Society  
South Bend-Elkhart Audubon Society  
Thorn Creek Audubon Society

**Indiana**

Amos W. Butler Audubon Society  
Evansville Audubon Society  
Stockbridge Audubon Society  
Sycamore Audubon Society  
Tippecanoe Audubon Society  
Wabash Valley Audubon Society

**Iowa**

Cedar Rapids Audubon Society  
Loess Hills Audubon Society  
Prairie Rapids Audubon Society  
Southeast Iowa Audubon Society  
Tallgrass Prairie Audubon Society

**Kansas**

Jayhawk Audubon Society  
Leavenworth Audubon Society

*Kansas cont'd*

Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society  
Smoky Hills Audubon Society  
Topeka Audubon Society  
Wichita Audubon Society

**Kentucky**

Daviess County Audubon Society  
Frankfort Audubon Society  
Jackson Purchase Audubon Society  
Little River Audubon Society  
Louisville Audubon Society

**Louisiana**

Baton Rouge Audubon Society  
Orleans Audubon Society

**Maryland**

Audubon Society of Central Maryland  
Audubon Maryland  
Chesapeake Audubon Society  
Southern Maryland Audubon Society

**Michigan**

Detroit Audubon Society

**Minnesota**

Albert Lea Audubon Society  
Audubon Minnesota  
Audubon Society of Minneapolis  
Austin Audubon Society  
Brainerd Lakes Area Audubon Society  
Central MN Audubon Society  
Duluth Audubon Society  
Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter  
Mississippi Headwaters Audubon Society  
St. Paul Audubon Society  
Wild River Audubon Society  
Zumbro River Audubon Society

**Mississippi**

Audubon Mississippi  
Mississippi Coast Audubon Society  
Okatibbee Creek Audubon Society  
Oktibbeha Audubon Society

**Missouri**

Audubon Missouri  
Burroughs Audubon Society  
East Ozarks Audubon Society  
Grand River Audubon Society  
Greater Ozarks Audubon  
Ozark Gateway Audubon  
St. Louis Audubon Society

**Montana**

Bitterroot Audubon Society  
Five Valley Audubon Society  
Flathead Audubon Society  
Last Chance Audubon Society  
Mission Mountain Audubon Society  
Montana Audubon  
Sacajawea Audubon Society  
Upper Missouri Breaks Audubon Society  
Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society

**Nebraska**

Audubon Nebraska  
Audubon Society of Omaha  
Wachiska Audubon Society  
Wildcat Audubon Society

**New Mexico**

Audubon New Mexico  
Central New Mexico Audubon Society  
Mesilla Valley Audubon Society  
Sangre de Cristo Audubon Society  
Southwestern NM Audubon Society

**New Jersey**

Atlantic Audubon Society  
Bergen County Audubon Society  
Monmouth County Audubon Society  
Washington Crossing Audubon Society

**New York**

Audubon New York  
Audubon Society of the Capital Region  
Bedford Audubon Society  
Buffalo Audubon Society  
Central Westchester Audubon Society

*New York cont'd*

Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary  
Eastern Long Island Audubon Society  
Four Harbors Audubon Society  
Genesee Valley Audubon Society  
Great South Bay Audubon Society  
Hudson River Audubon Society  
Huntington Oyster Bay Audubon Society  
Kalers Pond Audubon Center  
Montezuma Audubon Center  
New York City Audubon Society  
North Fork Audubon Society  
North Shore Audubon Society  
Northern Catskills Audubon Society  
Northern New York Audubon Society  
Onondaga Audubon Society  
Orange County Audubon Society  
Putnam Highlands Audubon Society  
Rheinstrom Hill Audubon Center  
Saw Mill River Audubon Society  
South Shore Audubon Society  
Southern Adirondack Audubon Society  
Sullivan County Audubon Society  
Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center

**Nevada**

Lahontan Audubon Society  
Red Rock Audubon Society

**North Carolina**

Audubon North Carolina  
Audubon Society of Forsyth County  
Elisha Mitchell Audubon Society  
High Country Audubon Society  
Mecklenburg Audubon Society  
T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society  
Wake Audubon Society

**North Dakota**

Audubon Dakota  
Fargo-Moorhead Audubon Society

**Ohio**

Audubon Ohio  
Audubon Miami Valley  
Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland  
Blackbrook Audubon Society  
Canton Audubon Society  
Columbus Audubon Society  
Dayton Audubon Society  
East Central Ohio Audubon Society  
Greater Akron Audubon Society  
Greater Mohican Audubon Society  
Mahoning Valley Audubon Society  
Tri-Moraine Audubon Society  
Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society

**Oklahoma**

Payne County Audubon Society  
Tulsa Audubon Society

**Oregon**

Audubon Society of Corvallis  
Audubon Society of Lincoln City  
Audubon Society of Portland  
Cape Arago Audubon Society  
Kalmiopsis Audubon Society  
Klamath Basin Audubon Society  
Lane County Audubon Society  
Rogue Valley Audubon Society  
Salem Audubon Society  
Umpqua Valley Audubon Society

**Pennsylvania**

Audubon Pennsylvania  
Appalachian Audubon Society  
Bucks County Audubon Society  
Conococheague Audubon Society  
Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society  
Juniata Valley Audubon Society  
Lycoming Audubon Society  
Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Society  
Quittapahilla Audubon Society  
Seven Mountains Audubon Society  
Tiadaghton Audubon Society  
Wyncote Audubon Society

**South Carolina**

Audubon South Carolina  
Augusta-Aiken Audubon Society  
Charleston Audubon Society  
Hilton Head Island Audubon Society  
Piedmont Audubon Society  
Waccamaw Audubon Society

**South Dakota**

Pine Hills Audubon Society

**Tennessee**

Cumberland-Harpeth Audubon Society  
Warioto Audubon Society

**Texas**

Audubon Texas  
Bexar Audubon Society  
Central Texas Audubon Society  
Coastal Bend Audubon Society  
El Paso Trans-Pecos Audubon Society  
Fort Worth Audubon Society  
Houston Audubon Society  
Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society  
Travis Audubon Society

**Utah**

Bridgerland Audubon Society  
Great Salt Lake Audubon Society  
Red Cliffs Audubon Society  
Wasatch Audubon Society

**Vermont**

Audubon Vermont  
Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society  
Northeast Kingdom Audubon Society  
Otter Creek Audubon  
Taconic Tri-State Audubon Society

**Virginia**

Audubon Society of Northern Virginia  
Northern Neck Audubon Society  
Richmond Audubon Society

**Washington**

Admiralty Audubon Society  
Black Hills Audubon Society  
Central Basin Audubon Society  
Discovery Coast Audubon Society  
Eastside Audubon Society  
Grays Harbor Audubon Society  
Kitsap Audubon Society  
Kittitas Audubon Society  
Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society  
North Cascades Audubon Society  
Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society  
Palouse Audubon Society  
Pilchuck Audubon Society  
Rainier Audubon Society  
Seattle Audubon Society  
Skagit Audubon Society  
Spokane Audubon Society  
Tahoma Audubon Society  
Vancouver Audubon Society  
Vashon Maury Island Audubon Society  
Whidbey Audubon Society  
Willapa Hills Audubon Society  
Yakima Valley Audubon Society

**West Virginia**

Mountaineer Audubon Society

**Wisconsin**

Admiralty Audubon Society  
Chequamegon Audubon Society  
Coulee Region Audubon Society  
Green Rock Audubon Society  
Hoy Audubon Society  
Madison Audubon Society  
Northeast Wisconsin Audubon Society  
Winnebago Audubon Society  
Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society

**Wyoming**

Audubon Wyoming  
Murie Audubon Society