



## National Wildlife Federation

National Advocacy Center

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Dear Senator/Representative:

The National Wildlife Federation and the undersigned affiliated organizations are deeply concerned by the Trump Administration's withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, its aggressive effort to undermine or repeal executive branch measures to reduce harmful carbon pollution emissions and its proposal to drastically reduce or eliminate federal climate science and program funding. With six million members and supporters and state and territorial affiliates from across the country, we represent hunters, anglers, farmers, forest managers, conservationists and other outdoor enthusiasts who believe our nation's wildlife, fish, healthy waters, clean air, and public lands are a birthright of all Americans. This birthright is jeopardized by inaction on climate change, and Congress must work to find solutions. At minimum, we respectfully urge you to fully fund climate science and renewable energy programs in the United States in order to ensure a stable future for this country.

As the impacts of climate change increase, our valuable natural resources are becoming degraded, along with our economic opportunities and traditions. Fortunately, more than 1,000 leaders of U.S. states, cities, businesses, and universities have made their own commitments to reduce greenhouse gas pollution as quickly as possible. In fact, fifteen states and territories have specifically committed to the goals of the Paris Agreement, to reduce climate-altering pollution statewide by 26-28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025.

Yet, given the scope of climate change—which was very likely to have fueled the recent devastating hurricanes in the Atlantic and megafires in the West—it is paramount that Congress commit to robust investment in scientific research to monitor and respond to climate change and its impacts while spurring adoption of cost effective, clean technologies. A variety of public and private organizations use federal data and analysis on climate change to protect communities, resources, wildlife, and property from impacts, and to identify pollution reduction opportunities. The USGS National and Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers, NOAA Sea Grant, NASA earth science research, and EPA greenhouse gas inventory are all examples of this vital federal programming. Plus, Energy STAR, ARPA-E, and DOE state clean energy grants and loan guarantee programs

spur innovation and adoption of low-emitting technologies. These and more deserve strong support.

Ending existing carbon-reducing policies while slashing nearly all climate programs and research funding reflects shortsightedness about rapidly growing threats from climate change. Dramatic cuts to climate and clean energy research as well as adaptation and resilience science will leave Americans, natural resources, and businesses vulnerable to increasingly severe costs and lost economic opportunities. It is critical that Congress fully fund these programs.

Sincerely,

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Association of Northwest Steelheaders  
Conservation Council for Hawai'i  
Delaware Nature Society  
Environmental Advocates of New York  
Environmental League of Massachusetts  
Florida Wildlife Federation  
Iowa Wildlife Federation  
Kentucky Waterways Alliance  
Montana Wildlife Federation  
Natural Resources Council of Maine  
Nebraska Wildlife Federation  
New Mexico Wildlife Federation  
Prairie Rivers Network  
PennFuture  
South Carolina Wildlife Federation  
Vermont Natural Resources Council  
Virgin Islands Conservation Society  
Virginia Conservation Network  
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