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Dear Mr. President, Senators and Representatives:

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters, we write to emphasize the importance of restoring funding for environmental programs and avoiding environmentally damaging policy riders in the FY16 Appropriations bills.

The harmful funding cuts and short-sighted policy provisions in the House and Senate spending bills—in particular the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bills— would further undermine the ability of environmental, environmental justice, land management and wildlife agencies to perform their basic duties and are completely out of touch with the public interest.

In order for Congress to provide adequate funding for agencies to protect our environment and public health for the benefit of all Americans, the current sequestration caps must be replaced.

We respectfully ask you to work together to reach agreement on a broad budget deal that allows for a full-year appropriations bill that provides more adequate resources for environmental agencies and avoids environmentally damaging policy provisions.

We stand ready to be of assistance in this needed endeavor and invite you to reach out to our public-interest groups to craft a final, urgently needed budget deal.

Sincerely,

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