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**OPPOSE ALL ANTI-ENVIRONMENTAL AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 1**

February 16, 2011

Dear Representative:

On behalf of millions of Americans represented by our organizations across the nation, we are writing to urge you to oppose all anti-environmental amendments to H.R. 1, the Full Year Continuing Resolution, 2011. The bill already includes destructive cuts and unrelated policy provisions that would harm our air, water, lands, oceans, wildlife and families and communities.

We urge you to support any efforts to remove these provisions and to oppose anti-environmental amendments that would further worsen this already terrible bill, including the following:

- Amendments 92 and 482 by Rep. Heller and 203 by Rep. Labrador that would eliminate any funding to be used for the implementation of the Antiquities Act;
- Amendments 194 by Rep. Lummis and 342 by Rep. Pearce that would further undermine the Endangered Species Act and protections for wolves, including the nearly extinct Mexican wolf;
- Amendments 198 and 466 by Rep. Poe and 348 by Rep. Pearce and that would stop our nation's efforts to mitigate or adapt to climate change;
- Amendment 251 by Rep. Scalise and any other amendments that would weaken sound management of drilling off the Outer Continental Shelf of the U.S.;
- Amendments 350, 352, 354, 356, 358 by Rep. Pearce and Amendment 193 by Rep. Lummis that would zero out the minimal remaining amounts in the bill for the Land and Water Conservation Fund;
- Amendment 177 by Rep. Herger that would prevent National Forests from effectively managing out-of-control and often illegal ORV use, which degrades clean water, harms fish and hunting opportunities and jeopardizes public safety;
- Amendment 13 by Rep. Rooney that would block EPA from implementing or enforcing the water quality standards for the state of Florida's lakes and flowing waters;

- Amendments 230 and 467 by Rep. Goodlatte that would set aside progress made on pollution reduction and restoring the Chesapeake over the last decade and put the financial burden of reducing pollution squarely on the Chesapeake Bay states;
- Amendment 216 by Rep. McKinley that would bar EPA from exercising or implementing Sec 404(c) of the Clean Water Act;
- Amendment 289 by Rep. McClintock that would defund the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Grant Program;
- Amendment 47 by Rep. Luetkemeyer that would bar funding for the study of the Missouri River Projects authorized by WRDA 2009;
- Amendment 127 by Rep. Don Young that would remove the authority of EPA to regulate air emissions in the Arctic and 533, also by Rep. Young, that would remove the power of the Environmental Appeals Board to review air permits related to drilling in the Arctic Ocean;
- Amendment 515 by Rep. Rob Bishop that would eliminate funding for the National Landscape Conservation System;
- Amendments 180 by Rep. Akin and 288 by Rep. McClintock that would eliminate funding for the Global Environment Facility and the Millennium Challenge Corporation, respectively – these programs support environmental and development efforts, including climate change, in developing countries;
- Amendments 291 and 292 by Rep. McClintock that would cut funding for the Tropical Forest Conservation Act (TFCA), which supports debt-for-nature swaps where countries agree to preserve forests in exchange for some US debt relief;
- Amendment 262 by Rep. Latta that would zero out funding for international family planning programs, undermining climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts in the developing world;
- Amendments 344 and 345 by Rep. Pearce that would impede citizens' rights to seek legal enforcement of provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act;
- Amendments 165 by Rep. Carter and 201 by Rep. Labrador, and that would block or weaken EPA enforcement of restrictions on toxic air pollution like mercury from cement plants and industrial facilities; and Amendment 407 by Rep. Hall that calls for a National Academies of Science study and discourages hazardous air pollution regulations from being promulgated for cement plants, industrial facilities and utilities;
- Amendment 563 by Rep. Noem that would seek to suspend the enforcement of existing clean air laws;
- Amendments 378 and 495 by Rep. Hall, 149 by Rep. Luetkemeyer, and 574 by Rep. Pearce and that would block domestic and international scientific research efforts to understand the impacts of climate change;
- Amendments 10 by Rep. Stearns and 217 by Rep. McKinley that would weaken proposed rules governing treatment of hazardous waste;
- Amendments 109 by Rep. Griffith, 216 by Rep. McKinley, and 219 and 220 by Rep. Bill Johnson that seek to stop federal agencies from protecting the public and the environment from destructive mountain top removal mining;
- Amendment 202 by Rep. Labrador that would completely defund the Council on Environmental Quality;

- Amendments 372 and 373 by Rep. Flake that would virtually cripple international climate programs for adaptation and mitigation;
- Amendment 556 by Rep. Pearce that would eliminate all funding for land acquisition from the budgets of the Bureau of Land Management, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, and the Forest Service and all funding for construction from the budgets of BLM, FWS, and NPS; and Amendments 351 and 357 by Rep. Pearce that would eliminate funding for the NPS construction account;
- Amendment 293 by Rep. McClintock that would zero out funding for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act grant program, which protects declining bird species found throughout the United States;
- Amendment 528 by Rep. Carter that would eliminate funding for the salary and expenses of the Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change;
- Amendment 557 by Rep. Gardner would prohibit EPA from regulating any use of any chemical present in hunting or fishing equipment, not just those limited uses;
- Amendment 297 by Rep. Schock that would ban EPA from investigating the possible health impacts on children and others of the pesticide atrazine and block the EPA from researching the health impacts of atrazine, one of the country's most widely-used herbicides;
- Amendment 341 by Rep. Pearce that would prohibit funding to White House task forces, such as the Gulf Coast Recovery Fund, which was set up to help restore the Gulf after last spring's devastating oil disaster; and impair the coordination and integration aspects of intergovernmental initiatives, such as the Gulf Ecosystem Restoration Task Force and the National Ocean Council, by limiting administration leadership capacities;
- Amendments 205 and 548 by Rep. Jones that would prohibit new, innovative fisheries catch-shares programs under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which are an important tool for rebuilding fish stocks, hurting the recovery and sustainability of our ocean fisheries;
- Amendment 296 by Rep. McClintock that would prevent the Department of the Interior from completing a science-based process on the Klamath River and deprive the public of information about whether dam removal is in the public interest;
- Amendment 462 by Rep. Pearce that would eliminate funding for, among other things, all programs under fundamental environmental protection laws such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Endangered Species Act;
- Amendment 206 by Mr. Jones that would prohibit foreign travel for NOAA law enforcement, which impedes NOAA's ability to address illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing internationally;
- Amendment 192 by Rep. Biggert that would eliminate funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (ARPA-E), which is making critical investments to spur clean energy technology innovation in our country;
- Amendment 259 by Rep. Latta that would reduce the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy program by $70 million, which is in addition to the 35 percent cut to this program that is vital to our country's competitiveness, national security, and environment; and
- Amendment 260 by Rep. Latta that would cut $10 million in funding to the Construction of Research Facilities program at the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), which plays a critical role in promoting clean energy innovation in our country.

Again, we urge you in the strongest possible terms to vote against these and all other anti-environmental amendments to H.R. 1, the Full Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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National Marine Sanctuary Foundation
National Wildlife Refuge Association
Natural Resources Defense Council
Ocean Conservancy
Oceana
Oregon Wild
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