

April 20, 2021

President Joseph Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

In your inaugural address, you spoke with urgency about the challenges facing our nation: a deadly virus, economic struggle, racial injustices, and climate change. You said, “The cry for survival comes from the planet itself. A cry that can’t be any more desperate or any more clear.” This is certainly the case for America’s lands, waters, and ocean.

To confront the rapid loss of America’s natural places and wildlife, the U.S. must accelerate locally-led land, water, and ocean conservation and restoration efforts at all levels of government and across the country. For more than a century, the United States has risen to meet the major environmental challenges facing our nation. Conserving 30 percent of our lands, waters, and ocean by 2030 — a commitment that is widely supported by Americans, with 4 out of 5 voters expressing support — is a critical milestone in the effort to tackle the challenges we face today.

As the Biden-Harris administration works to achieve the national 30x30 target, we, the undersigned 342 organizations and businesses, on behalf of our members and supporters, stand in support of this ambitious and inclusive vision for conservation. By empowering the ongoing, locally-driven conservation efforts of communities across the country, your administration can help limit the negative consequences and immense costs of climate change, a critical goal not only for the Biden-Harris administration, but for our planet.

The science is clear: conserving and restoring 30 percent of lands, waters, and ocean worldwide is the bare minimum needed to save nature and buffer against the worst impacts of climate change. Our future depends on the natural systems that provide our food, clean air, and fresh drinking water, and are the source of our well-being and economic security. At a time when the nation faces many challenges ahead, your administration can help drive meaningful economic recovery and safeguard the future prosperity of communities across America by investing in restoring our natural systems.

And by conserving 30 percent of U.S. lands and inland waters and 30 percent of our nation’s ocean by 2030, your administration has a unique opportunity to work towards a more inclusive and equitable vision for nature conservation that better reflects the nation’s values. For too long, the costs and impacts of the loss of nature have fallen disproportionately on low-income communities and communities of color. Due to the inequitable distribution of greenspace, these communities are denied nature’s benefits and suffer from higher rates of obesity, diabetes, and other chronic diseases. In reaching a 30x30 goal, we can help end this shameful legacy. We are also pleased that 30x30 will honor Tribal sovereignty and prioritize Tribal communities' visions for the stewardship of natural, cultural, and historic resources, leading us all closer to environmental justice.

Conserving 30 percent of our lands, waters, and ocean is a unique opportunity to support community-led conservation efforts and engage with all those on the frontlines of stewarding, restoring, using, and enjoying nature. Your efforts will only succeed by supporting the efforts of local communities, and by listening to experts on the ground — including landowners, Indigenous peoples, scientists, and other resource experts. For communities across America who have long been doing the meaningful work of conserving and restoring the places that matter most, 30x30 is a welcome indication that they now have a supportive partner in the White House.

We look forward to collaborating with your administration, local and state leaders, farmers and ranchers, sportsmen and women, fishers, diverse communities across America, and the multitude of stakeholders committed to accelerating the pace of locally-driven conservation, advancing nature-based climate solutions, and ensuring that nature's benefits are accessible to all Americans.

Together, we can take bold action to stem the collapse of the natural world we all need to live and thrive.

Sincerely,

2% for Conservation

Alabama Audubon

Alachua Conservation Trust

Alaska Wilderness League

Alliance for the Great Lakes

Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley

Amah Mutsun Tribal Band

American Battlefield Trust

American Hiking Society

American Littoral Society

American Rivers

Anacostia Watershed Society, Inc.

Annapolis Green, Inc.

Appalachia Ohio Alliance

Appalachian Mountain Club

Appalachian Trail Conservancy

Archaeology Southwest

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

Association of Zoos and Aquariums

Athens Conservancy

Audubon Naturalist Society

Audubon South Carolina

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Bay Paddle

Bergen County Zoological Park

Better Building Institute Inc. (nfp)

Blank Park Zoo

Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation

Blue Planet Strategies

Blue Ridge Land Conservancy

Bold Alliance

Buckeye Trail Association

California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV)
California Native Plant Society
California Wilderness Coalition
Californians for Western Wilderness
Capital Region Land Conservancy
Cascadia Wildlands
Center for American Progress
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Coastal Studies
Center for Justice, Outreach and Yoga, LLC
Center for Large Landscape Conservation
Center For Sustainable Communities
Central OR Bitterbrush Broads, Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Central Oregon LandWatch
Chesapeake Climate Action Network
Chesapeake Conservancy
Clean Fairfax
Clean Water Action
Cleanwater Liganore Inc.
Climate Law & Policy Project
Cloe Cadiz
Coalition for Smarter Growth
Coalition of Ohio Land Trusts
Coalition to Protect America's National Parks
Colorado Ocean Coalition
Colorado Wildlands Project

Committee on the Middle Fork Vermilion River
Connecticut Ornithology Association
Conservation Alabama
Conservation Colorado
Conservation Council For Hawaii
Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast
Conservation Lands Foundation
Conservation Law Foundation
Conservation Minnesota
Conservation Northwest
Conservation Realty Group, LLC dba Venture in Conservation
Conservation Voters for Idaho
Conservation Voters New Mexico
Conservation Voters of South Carolina
Conserve Southwest Utah
Continental Divide Trail Coalition
Corazon Latino
Council of Mexican Federations in North America (COFEM)
CT League of Conservation Voters
Dallas Zoo
David Traylor Zoo of Emporia
Defenders of Wildlife
Delaware Nature Society
Earth Strategy
Earthjustice
Eco-Justice Collaborative

Ecology Center
Ecumenical Eco-Justice of St. Joseph, Inc.
Elements of Change
Environment America
Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC)
Environmental Law & Policy Center
Environmental League of MA
Florida Conservation Voters
Florida's Nature Coast Conservancy
For Love of Water (FLOW)
Forest Conservancy, Limited
Forever Maryland Foundation
Fort Ord Recreation Trails Friends (FORT Friends)
Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area
Friends of AZ Joshua Tree Forest
Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve
Friends of Browns Canyon
Friends of Dyke Marsh
Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek
Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks
Friends of Plumas Wilderness
Friends of Quincy Run Watershed
Friends of the Cascade Siskiyou National Monument
Friends of the Inyo
Friends of the Mariana Trench
Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument
Friends of the Nanticoke River
Friends of the Owyhee
Friends of the Rivers of Virginia
Friends of the San Pedro River Inc
Full Circle Design and Consulting - Benefit LLC
Gallatin Wildlife Association
Gallatin Yellowstone Wilderness Alliance
Georgia Conservation Voters
Gila Conservation Coalition
Gila Resources Information Project
Goose Creek Association
Grand Canyon Trust
Grand Prairie Friends Land Trust
Grand Staircase Escalante Partners
Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association
Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Greater Hells Canyon Council
Greater Highland Area Concerned Citizens
GreenLatinos
Greenpeace USA
GreenRope
Guam Community College Ecowarriors
Gullah/Geechee Fishing Association
Gullah/Geechee Sea Island Coalition
Healthy Ocean Coalition
High Country Conservation Advocates
Highlands Nature Sanctuary
Hispanic Access Foundation

Honolulu Zoo Society	Island Marine Survey
Horry County Rising, Inc.	Jenkinson's Aquarium
Huron River Watershed Council	Kaha Kukahi
Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited	Kansas City Zoo
Illinois Environmental Council	King Range Alliance
Illinois Stewardship Alliance	Land Trust of Virginia
Indivisible Huron Valley	League of Conservation Voters
Inland Ocean Coalition	Lehigh Valley Zoo
Inland Ocean Coalition Alaska Chapter	Living Classrooms Foundation
Inland Ocean Coalition Arizona Chapter	Los Padres ForestWatch
Inland Ocean Coalition Buffalo New York Chapter	Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy
Inland Ocean Coalition Central Texas Chapter	Loxahatchee River Historical Society
Inland Ocean Coalition CSU Fort Collins Chapter	Lynnhaven River NOW
Inland Ocean Coalition CU Boulder Chapter	Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust
Inland Ocean Coalition Great Lakes Chapter	Maine Conservation Voters
Inland Ocean Coalition Illinois Chapter	Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network
Inland Ocean Coalition Montana Chapter	MAIPC
Inland Ocean Coalition North Texas	Marine Conservation Institute
Inland Ocean Coalition University of Michigan Chapter	Maryland Conservation Council
Inland Ocean Coalition Utah Chapter	Maryland League of Conservation Voters
Inland Ocean Coalition Washington DC Chapter	Mass Audubon
Inland Ocean Coalition Wyoming Chapter	Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition
Inland Woods + Trails	Mattawoman Watershed Society
International Crane Foundation	Mau Sports Adventures
International Fund for Animal Welfare	Metro East Green Alliance (IL)
	MI Air MI Health
	Michigan Climate Action Network
	Michigan Environmental Council

Michigan League of Conservation Voters
Mill Creek Alliance
Milwaukee County Zoo
Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Minorities in Shark Sciences
Mission Blue
Mojave Desert Land Trust
Montana Conservation Voters
Montana Wilderness Association
Montana Wildlife Federation
Moonville Rail Trail Inc.
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
Mystic Aquarium
Nadia's Cake Co
National Aquarium
National Ocean Protection Coalition
National Parks Conservation Association
National Wildlife Federation
Native Fish Society
Natural Land Institute
Natural Resources Council of Maine
Natural Resources Defense Council
Nature for All
NC League of Conservation Voters
NeighborSpace of Baltimore County
Nevada Conservation League
New England Aquarium
New Jersey Audubon

New Jersey League of Conservation Voters
New Mexico Wild
New Mexico Wildlife Federation
New River Land Trust
New York League of Conservation Voters
Next 100 Coalition
Nicole Croft Consulting
Northeast Wilderness Trust
Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness
Northern Virginia Conservation Trust
NorthFork Financial
Ocean Conservancy
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Ohio Environmental Council
Ohio Parks and Recreation Association
Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden
Open Space Institute
Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Oregon Natural Desert Association
Oregon Wild
Oregonians for Wild Utah
Outdoor Afro
Outdoor Industry Association
Pacific Environment
Park County Environmental Council
Partnership for the National Trails System
Patagonia

Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust
Paula Lane Action Network (PLAN)
Pew Charitable Trusts
Philadelphia Zoo
Piedmont Environmental Council
Poder Latinx
Potomac Conservancy
Potomac Riverkeeper Network
Presbyterians for Earth Care
Rachel Carson Council
Rebel Hawaii
REI Co-op
River Alliance of Wisconsin
River Revitalization Foundation
Rockfish Valley Foundation
Rocky Mountain Wild
Round River Conservation Studies
Sachamama
Saline Indivisible
San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance
San Juan Citizens Alliance
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
Savanna Institute
Save Mount Diablo
Save Our Shores
Save Red Rock
Save the Redwoods League
Scenic America
Scenic Virginia
SE Alaska Conservation Council
Seattle Aquarium
Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition
Sierra Business Council
Sierra Club
Sierra Club Alaska
Soda Mountain Wilderness Council
South Alabama Land Trust
South Carolina Coastal Conservation League
South Carolina Wildlife Federation
Southern Maryland Audubon Society
Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
Starboard
Surfrider Foundation
Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE)
TAO
The Chaparral Lands Conservancy
The Conservation Foundation
The Conservation Fund
The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee
The Frontera Land Alliance
The Land Conservancy of New Jersey
The Mountain Pact
The Nature Conservancy
The Rewilding Institute
The Time Farms
The Trust for Public Land

The Trustees
The Wetlands Initiative
The Whale Guitar Project
The Wilderness Society
The Wildlands Conservancy
Tree Fredericksburg
Trees Forever
Tuleyome
Upper Gila Watershed Alliance
Upper Missouri Waterkeeper
Urban Ecosystem Restorations
Vermont Conservation Voters
Vet Voice Foundation
Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center
Virginia Conservation Network
Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust
Virginia League of Conservation Voters
Virginia Zoo
Waitt Institute
Washington Friends of Wild Utah
Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition
Waterkeepers Chesapeake
West Virginia Rivers Coalition
Western Leaders Network
Western Resource Advocates
Western Slope Conservation Center
Whale and Dolphin Conservation
Wicomico Environmental Trust
Wild Heritage, a Project of Earth Island Institute
Wild Virginia
WILDCOAST
Wilderness Workshop
Wildlands Network
Wisconsin Conservation Voters
Women Working for Oceans (W2O)
Working Dogs for Conservation
World Wildlife Fund
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