

## Over 300 Groups Support Senate Conservation and Energy Titles!

March 5, 2002

Dear Farm Bill Conferee:

We the undersigned national, state, and local organizations join in urging you to adopt the conservation and energy titles of the Senate farm bill during conference deliberations. In our view, the Senate adopted comprehensive, appropriately funded titles, with strong stewardship incentives and very important policy considerations with respect to soil and water quality and conservation, wetlands, wildlife, renewable energy, energy efficiency, sprawl, and other natural resource and environmental concerns. Passage of the Senate titles will not only improve environmental protection, energy security, and natural resource conservation, but will also provide significant new income streams for farmers and ranchers and rural communities.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

### **National and Regional Organizations**

Alternative Energy Resources Organization  
American Bioenergy Association  
American Bottom Conservancy  
American Canoe Association, Inc.  
American Corn Growers Association  
American Fisheries Society  
Association of State Wetlands Managers  
Bluewater Network  
CATA Farmworker Support Committee  
Center for Rural Affairs  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Clean Water Action  
Climate Solutions  
Community Food Security Coalition  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Delmarva Poultry Justice Alliance  
Earth Action Network  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Environmental and Energy Study Institute  
Environmental Defense  
Environmental Law & Policy Center  
Forest Guardians  
Garden Club of America  
Global Organic Alliance  
Humane Society of the United States  
Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy  
Land Trust Alliance  
Mississippi River Basin Alliance  
National Audubon Society  
National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture  
National Catholic Rural Life Conference  
National Center for Appropriate Technology

National Farmers Organization  
National Wildlife Federation  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Northern Forest Alliance  
Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides  
NW Energy Coalition  
Pesticide Action Network North America  
Renewable Energy Action Project  
Rural Advancement Foundation International - USA  
Save Endangered Wilderness  
Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph's  
Soil & Water Conservation Society  
Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group  
Southwest Environmental Center  
Sustainable Agriculture Coalition  
Trust for Public Land  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society  
Western Sustainable Agricultural Working Group  
World Wildlife Fund  
Women, Food and Agriculture Network

### **State and Local Organizations**

*Alabama*  
Alabama Sustainable Agriculture Network

*Arizona*  
Benefest Foundation  
Center For Environmental Connections  
Sky Island Alliance  
Crying For A Vision

*Arkansas*

Arkansas Stream Team  
Delta Land & Community

*California*

Agriculture & Equestrian Division  
Amigo Cartisano  
Butte Environmental Council  
California Farmers Union  
California Institute for Rural Studies  
California Sustainable Agriculture Working Group  
California Wilderness Coalition  
CCOF, South Coast Chapter  
Endangered Habitats League  
Environmental Defense Center  
Food and Farming Forum  
Friends of the Santa Clara River  
L.A. Coalition to End Hunger & Homelessness  
Mt. Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center  
National Federation of the Blind of California,  
Agriculture Division  
Northern California Association of River Guides  
Planning and Conservation League  
Ramona Grasslands Project  
Salmonoid Restoration Society  
Shoreline Study Center  
Sisters of the Holy Names  
Sisters of the Presentation  
Ventura County Public Works Agency  
Walburg Realty & Investment Corporation  
Wildlife Research Institute

*Colorado*

Bison Land Resource Center  
Colorado Rivers Alliance  
Colorado Wildlife Federation  
Friends of the Poudre  
Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory

*Connecticut*

Save the Sound, Inc.

*Delaware*

Delaware Nature Society  
Delmarva Poultry Justice Alliance  
Mid-Atlantic Environmental Law Center

*District of Columbia*

Community Harvest

*Florida*

Duval Audubon Society  
Florida Certified Organic Growers & Consumers, Inc.  
Florida Wildlife Federation  
Save Florida's Springs and Aquifers  
Santa Rosa Sound Coalition

*Georgia*

DataWeb Corporation  
Savannah Riverkeeper

*Idaho*

Clearwater Biodiversity Project  
Idaho Rural Council  
Idaho Wildlife Federation  
Prairie Falcon Chapter, National Audubon Society

*Illinois*

Alden Ponds Foundation  
American Natural Heritage Foundation  
Citizens for Humane and Wholesome Food  
Illinois Stewardship Alliance  
Illinois Student Environmental Network  
Living Upstream  
John Wesley Powell Audubon Society  
Prairie Rivers Network

*Indiana*

American Fisheries Society, Indiana Chapter  
Citizen Action Coalition  
Hoosier Environmental Council  
Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife  
Indiana Wildlife Federation  
The Wildlife Society, Indiana Chapter

*Iowa*

Common Ground  
Delaware County Resource Enhancement And  
Protection Committee  
Institute for Rural America  
Iowa Environmental Council  
Iowa Prairie Network  
Iowa Wildlife Federation  
North Wood County Citizens  
PEACEWORK

*Kansas*

Citizens for a Healthy Environment  
Kansas City Food Circle  
Kansas Green Party  
Kansas Natural Resource Council  
Kansas Riverkeeper/Friends of the Kaw  
Kansas Rural Center  
Kansas Wildlife Federation  
Morton County Citizens for Responsible Government  
The Short Grass Prairie Trail, Inc.

*Kentucky*

Marion County Water Watch  
Sustainable Agriculture of Louisville

*Louisiana*

Gulf Restoration Network  
Informed Choices

Louisiana Wildlife Federation  
M -W & Associates, Environmental Policy  
Consultants  
Washington Parish Beef Growers

*Maine*

Maine Congress of Lake Associations  
Maine Farmland Trust  
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association  
Northern Forest Alliance

*Maryland*

Alliance for Sustainable Communities  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage  
Delmarva Poultry Justice Alliance  
Environmental Communications  
Loy's Station Neighborhood Alliance  
Walk Lightly In Peace, Inc.

*Massachusetts*

Environmental League of Massachusetts  
Regional Environmental Council of Central  
Massachusetts  
Sustainable Lifestyles

*Michigan*

Capuchin Franciscans - Justice, Peace and Ecology  
Commission  
Michigan Agricultural Stewardship Association  
Michigan Land Use Institute  
Michigan Catholic Rural Life Coalition  
Michigan United Conservation Clubs  
Steward of God's Creation

*Minnesota*

Blue Earth River Basin Initiative  
Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry  
Clean Up the River Environment (CURE)  
Community Nutrition Institute  
Duluth Area Green Party  
Izaak Walton League, Minnesota Division  
Land Stewardship Project  
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy  
Minnesota COACT  
Minnesota Conservation Federation  
The Minnesota Project  
Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy  
National Coalition of Organized Women  
Rural Life Office of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and  
Minneapolis

*Mississippi*

Delta Land Trust  
Pine Woods Audubon Society  
Mississippi Wildlife Federation

*Missouri*

Family Farms for the Future  
Missouri Stream Team 714  
St. Louis Audubon Society  
Society for Species Management and Survival

*Montana*

American Conservation Real Estate Co.  
Montana Smart Growth Coalition

*Nebraska*

Center for Rural Affairs  
Nebraska Green Party  
Nebraska Wildlife Federation  
Western Nebraska Resources Council

*Nevada*

Nevada Wildlife Federation

*New Hampshire*

Northern Forest Alliance

*New Jersey*

Bloomington Environmental Commission  
Citizens for Planning Responsibly  
New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts  
New Jersey Environmental Lobby  
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey  
Rahway River Association  
Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association

*New Mexico*

Alliance for a Chemical-Free Environment  
Animal Protection of New Mexico  
Audubon New Mexico  
Rio Grande Restoration  
Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District

*New York*

The Catskill Center for Conservation & Development  
Citizens Campaign for the Environment  
Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, Councilor for Peace,  
Grace Public Fund  
Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee  
Justice, and Integrity of Creation Function  
Just Food  
New York Sustainable Agriculture Working Group  
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York  
Northern Forest Alliance  
Pheasants Forever, Western New York Chapter  
Rainbow Alliance for Clean Environment  
Save the Sound, Inc.

*North Carolina*

Bladen Environment  
Clean Water for North Carolina  
Land Loss Prevention Project

Neuse River Foundation, Inc.  
New River Foundation  
North Carolina Wildlife Federation  
Pamlico-Tar River Foundation

*North Dakota*

Dakota Resource Council  
North Dakota Conference of Churches  
Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society  
Rural Life Committee

*Ohio*

Alliance Garden Club  
B-W Greenway Community Land Trust  
Citizen Action  
Concerned Citizens of Central Ohio  
Concerned Citizens Committee of Southeast Ohio  
Concerned Citizens of Spring Valley  
Environmental Health Watch  
Global Organic Alliance  
Innovative Farmers of Ohio  
Keepers of Duck Creek Watershed  
League of Ohio Sportsmen  
Marianist Environmental Education Center  
Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association  
Ohio Environmental Council  
Ohio Family Farm Coalition  
Ohio Farmers Union

*Oklahoma*

Needful Provisions, Inc.  
Save the Illinois River, Inc.

*Oregon*

Coast Range Association  
Lane County Food Coalition  
Oregon Environmental Council  
Oregon Tilth

*Pennsylvania*

Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture  
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

*Rhode Island*

Environment Council of Rhode Island

*South Carolina*

South Carolina Forest Watch  
The Wildlife Society, South Carolina Chapter

*South Dakota*

Clay County Conservation District  
Dakota Rural Action  
Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society  
South Dakota Resources Council  
South Dakota Wildlife Federation

*Tennessee*

Cumberland Countians for Peace & Justice  
Episcopal Environmental Network Leader  
Foundation for Global Sustainability  
Rural Resources  
Tennessee Clean Water Network

*Texas*

La C.A.S.A. del Llano  
Fathers for Justice  
Promised Land Network  
Texas Center for Policy Studies  
Texas Committee on Natural Resources  
The Wildlife Society, Texas Chapter

*Utah*

Utah Wildlife Federation

*Vermont*

Lake Champlain Committee  
Northern Forest Alliance  
Rural Vermont  
The Wildlands Project

*Virginia*

Appalachian Sustainable Development  
Buckingham Citizen Action League  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Delmarva Poultry Justice Alliance  
Friends of the North Fork Shenandoah River  
Rural Virginia, Inc.  
Virginia Association for Biological Farming

*Washington*

Chums of Barker Creek  
Clear Creek Council  
Finding Island Stream History (FISH!)  
Kettle Range Conservation Group  
Okanogan Highlands Alliance  
Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations  
PCC Farmland Fund  
Spokane Tilth  
Trout Unlimited, Washington Council  
Washington Environmental Council  
Washington Sustainable Food & Farming Network

*West Virginia*

Sisters of the Visitation of Mount de Chantal  
West Virginia Rivers Coalition

*Wisconsin*

Consortium for Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education  
Door County Greens  
Family Farm Defenders  
Green-Rock Audubon Society  
Lutheran Office for Public Policy

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute  
RENEW Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

*Wyoming*  
Trout Unlimited, Wyoming Council  
Wyoming Wildlife Federation