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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the National Wildlife Federation and our nearly six million members and supporters nationwide, I write to urge you to **oppose S.J.Res. 23 and S.J.Res. 24**. These resolutions would halt critically important new regulations designed to protect American wildlife, communities, and public health from damaging carbon pollution and other harmful pollution. The regulations, known as the Clean Power Plan, provide a flexible, effective framework to protect wildlife from the impacts of climate change.

Hunters and anglers see first-hand how climate change is altering wildlife habitat and jeopardizing outdoor pastimes. Enclosed is a new report from the National Wildlife Federation, [*Game Changers: Climate Impacts to America's Hunting, Fishing, and Wildlife Heritage*](#), which illustrates with specific examples how climate change poses an immediate threat to treasured fish and game wildlife. Wildlife are facing increasingly dangerous situations brought on by warming waters, shorter winters, more severe droughts and floods, increasing incidence of pests and invasive species, shifting vegetation and food sources, and other serious climate change related impacts. Also attached is a letter signed by sportsmen conservation organizations and businesses in support of action to address carbon pollution from power plants.

Fortunately, the Clean Power Plan rules would reduce the carbon pollution that is threatening wildlife by 32% by 2030. By focusing on pollution from power plants, the rules address the single largest source of carbon emissions in the U.S. With the plan, reasonable limits are put on the amount of carbon pollution that utilities can release into the air, similar to other highly successful and cost-effective approaches to curbing air pollution. The plan relies on a cooperative, flexible framework allowed by the Clean Air Act. Each state can chart its own course based on its unique energy mix, transmission capability, existing clean energy investment, and environmental and public health conditions. The plan also provides important incentives for early investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency measures that benefit lower income communities. For more information on the Clean Power Plan, please read the enclosed [fact sheet](#).

States should seize the opportunity to protect wildlife by reducing the dangerous carbon pollution driving climate change and speed the transition to a clean energy future that creates jobs, improves our health, and safeguards our wildlife habitats. Congress should support this prospect for greater innovation and oppose legislation such as S.J.Res. 23 and S.J.Res. 24 that would strand investment in a tomorrow that is safer for wildlife and people.

The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the EPA's authority to regulate carbon under the Clean Air Act. The EPA has worked in a collaborative way to draft a standard that recognizes the input of members of Congress, industry, public health advocates and many thousands of others, to ensure it achieves its goal of "maximum flexibility" while protecting wildlife and public health. Congress should allow the rules to move forward. **I urge you to oppose S.J.Res. 23 and S.J.Res. 24.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Collin O'Mara". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "O".

Collin O'Mara
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