



The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
United States Representative
1123 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 22, 2009

Dear Representative Kirkpatrick,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Arizona Wildlife Federation and other outdoor enthusiasts in Arizona to encourage you to support the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, H.R. 2454.

In addition to incentives to build new clean energy sources and cuts in global warming pollution, this legislation protects and restores U.S. species, habitats, ecosystems, and ecological processes threatened by climate change.

Arizona anglers, sportsmen, and outdoor enthusiasts have much to gain if our Congressmen and Senators support this bill since:

- a.. Funds, approximately \$4.6 million in 2012 and up to \$33.8 million in 2030, would go to the Arizona Game and Fish Department for natural resource and wildlife conservation;
- b.. The Land and Water Conservation Fund would receive additional funding for important projects in Arizona to protect habitat and ecosystems threatened by climate change;
- c.. Arizona needs research to determine the impact of habitat fragmentation caused by alternative energy development and impacts of in-stream dewatering of stream and creek segments by excessive water use; and
- d.. Implement habitat projects suggested by the results of the above research that will keep species from federal listing as endangered or threatened.

As state revenues continue to decrease and population increases, the threats to our natural resources will continue to grow from climate change, and we are counting on you to insure that investment in natural resources remains an important component of any final bill seeking to address American's climate and energy challenges. These federal conservation funds will serve as a lifeline to help safeguard Arizona's natural resources from climate change.

Thanks for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryna P. Rock".

Ryna Rock, President
Arizona Wildlife Federation