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As people of faith, we are called to be caretakers of our Common Home. Respecting and protecting the unique creatures that share our world is a moral responsibility. Due to climate change, roughly one-third of America's wildlife species are at elevated risk of extinction. State wildlife agencies have identified more than 12,000 species in need of conservation attention.

Right now, Congress is closer than ever to passing the most significant wildlife conservation legislation in a half-century. [**Tell Congress to pass The Recovering America's Wildlife Act that will invest \\$1.4 billion in proactive, collaborative conservation efforts to address the wildlife crisis.**](#)

Funding from this critical legislation will be spent by state fish and wildlife agencies, in partnership with state-based conservation entities.

This bill represents one of the best opportunities to begin addressing the historical inequities, exclusion, and perpetual underfunding of Tribal wildlife management by funding Tribal Nations to use their traditional land stewardship wisdom and techniques to help recover wildlife populations.

Research shows a preventative approach saves more money than a reactive one. Once a species reaches the point of needing the protection of the Endangered Species Act, recovery becomes significantly more uncertain, more difficult, and more expensive. Proactive efforts taken earlier in a species' decline are better for wildlife and cost less money overall.

The bill would also create as many as 33,600 direct jobs every year, in fields such as heavy equipment operation, construction, landscaping, horticulture, forestry, and engineering, while also supporting 100,000 additional jobs annually and will boost the outdoor recreation economy.

[**Tell your Members of Congress to vote YES and officially pass The Recovering America's Wildlife Act!**](#)