June 7, 2011

Dear Senator/Representative:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and businesses, and the millions of Americans who enjoy and depend on our wildlife and natural resources, we strongly oppose any effort to weaken the Clean Air Act, one of our nation’s most critical health and environmental protections. A bipartisan effort led to the passage of the Clean Air Act in 1970, marking a turning point in American history when it became unacceptable for industries to dump their pollution into our air. Sportsmen and women from across the country united and played a vital role in passing this landmark legislation.

The Clean Air Act has a long history of success in reducing pollution such as acid rain and smog that threatens fish and wildlife and their habitats. Today, the Environmental Protection Agency is poised to cut pollution that causes toxic mercury contamination and set standards to limit carbon pollution. As hunters and anglers, we know how widespread mercury is in our environment, posing a danger to all who eat mercury-laden fish. We also know that climate change is fundamentally altering our environment and putting fish and wildlife populations and our outdoor heritage at risk. Regulating mercury and cutting carbon pollution will help protect our long-standing investment in our outdoor heritage.

America’s hunters, anglers, and the 79 billion dollar industry that supports them, are glad to see long overdue action to reduce mercury pollution and put limits on carbon pollution. This unique partnership, formed in the 19th century, continues to be at the heart of conserving wildlife. We strongly urge you to prevent any Congressional roll back of the Clean Air Act, ensuring our outdoor legacy for future generations.

Sincerely,


American Canoe Association
American Fisheries Society
Bull Moose Sportsmen’s Alliance
Federation of Fly Fishers
Izaak Walton League of America
National Wildlife Federation
The Resource Institute, Inc.
Trout Unlimited
Alaska Adventures, Inc.
Alaska Alpine Adventures, Inc.
Alaska Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
Arctic Treks
Arctic Wild LLC
Capt. Pete’s Alaska
Wilderness Birding Adventures
Arkansas Canoe Club
Arkansas Conservation Coalition
Arkansas Wildlife Federation
Colorado Wildlife Federation
Florida Wildlife Federation
Atlanta Fly Fishing School
Trout Unlimited, Georgia Council
Trout Unlimited, Gold Rush Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Idaho State Council
Trout Unlimited, Ted Trueblood Chapter
Illinois Bass Federation
Trout Unlimited, Elliot Donnelly Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Illinois Council
Trout Unlimited, Oak Brook Trout Chapter
American Fisheries Society, Iowa Chapter
Iowa Division, IWLA
Trout Unlimited, North Bear Chapter
Kansas Wildlife Federation
Louisiana Wildlife Federation
Buxton Hollis Rod and Gun Club
Fort Fairfield Rifle and Pistol Club
Maine Atlantic Salmon Federation
Maine Chapter of the Wildlife Society
Maine Path & Paddle Guides
Maine Wilderness Guides Association
North Berwick Rod and Gun Club
Sportsmen’s Alliance of Maine
West Gardiner Rod & Gun Club
Ashfield Rod and Gun Club
Berkshire County League of Sportsmen
Billerica Rod and Gun Club
Easton Rod and Gun Club
Falmouth Rod and Gun Club
Framingham State Universities Wildlife Club
Gardner Fish and Gun Club
Gun Owner’s Action League
Hanson Rod and Gun Club
Holyoke Revolver Club
Hope Dale Pistol and Rifle Club
Lawrence Rod and Gun Club
League of Barstow County Sportsmen’s Clubs
Lenox Sportsmen’s Club
Littleton Sportsman Club
Ludlow Fish and Game Club
Lynn Fish and Game Protective Assoc.
Malden Anglers Association
Massachusetts Sportsmen’s Council
Nematicske Sportsmen’s Club
Norwood Sportsmen’s Association
Pittsfield Sportsmen Club
Plainville Beagle Club, Inc
Quabbin Fisherman’s Association
Rod and Gun Club of New Bedford
St John’s Fishing Club
Taunton Rifle and Pistol Club
Tewksbury Rod and Gun Club
Trout Unlimited, Massachusetts Council
Tungboro Sportsmen's Club Inc
Zoor Outdoor Rafting and Kayaking Tours
Au Sable Big Water Preservation Association
Betsie Bay Marina
Big Bear Adventures
Bob Linsenman’s Au Sable Angler
Chippewa Ottawa Recourse Authority
Crystal Mountain Resort and Spa
Ecology Center
Friends of the Detroit River
Gates Au Sable Lodge
Great Lakes Council of Federation of Fly Fishers
Kalamazoo River Sturgeon for Tomorrow
Ludington Area Charter Boat Assoc.
Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians
Michigan B.A.S.S. Federation Nation
Michigan Charter Boat Association
Michigan River Guide Association
Michigan United Conservation Clubs
Montmorency County Conservation Club
Strait’s Area Audubon Society
The River Specialist
Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council
Trout Unlimited, Adams Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Ann Arbor Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Challenge Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Clinton Valley Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Copper Country Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Ferris Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Frank "Bob" Perrin - Lansing
Trout Unlimited, Fred Warra Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Headwaters Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Kalamazoo Valley Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Lean T. Lartuch Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Mason Griffith Founders Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Michigan Council
Trout Unlimited, Miller Van Winkle Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Paul H. Young Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Pine River Area Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Schrems West Michigan
Trout Unlimited, Two Heart Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Vanguard Chapter
Trout Unlimited, William B. Mershon Chapter