

*On January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, we submitted the following letter through the American Bird Conservancy*

## TOGETHER FOR BIRDS" PETITION

Dear [Administration and Congress],

We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, represent a broad cross-section of the bird conservation community. We aim to build a dialogue with the new Administration and Congress to promote the conservation of birds and their habitats, which are of fundamental value to the American people.

More than 60 million Americans care deeply about birds, and bird-related recreation contributes more than \$36 billion to our economy. Birds also act as the "canary in the coal mine" for our environment and provide valuable benefits to society, from pollination to pest control. But birds are in trouble, with many declining in population or facing extinction.

We endorse the following priorities to ensure that birds and their habitats continue to be effectively conserved for the benefit of all Americans. We ask that you please support:

1. **THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT:** Protect the Act that has helped recover our national bird, the Bald Eagle, and other species in trouble.
2. **THE MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT:** Safeguard the only law that exists to protect most American birds, and support the federal Duck Stamp, one of the nation's most successful conservation programs.
3. **FEDERAL FUNDING FOR BIRDS:** Maintain and grow essential sources of federal support for migratory bird conservation.
4. **THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY:** Ensure that the EPA can continue its vital work to protect people and birds from dangerous pesticides and other toxins.
5. **LAND MANAGEMENT FOR BIRDS AND PEOPLE:** Ensure that public lands remain public, are properly managed for wildlife, and that recreational access is maintained.

We also acknowledge that many other national and state initiatives are of critical importance to birds, and that citizens and private enterprise can play vital roles in these conservation efforts.

Let's work together for birds!

**368 Endorsing Groups**