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Geos Institute * League of Conservation Voters * Natural Resources Defense Council
Population Action International * Rocky Mountain Wild * Sierra Club
WildEarth Guardians * The Wilderness Society**

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the millions of members, supporters, and activists we represent, we urge you to oppose H. Con. Res. 25, introduced by Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI). This bill's disregard for the health of our nation's environment and communities is neither balanced nor responsible. Dirty water, polluted air, threatened wildlife, and crumbling infrastructure won't create jobs or strengthen the economy, but it will put our children's economic and environmental security at risk.

H. Con. Res. 25 makes drastic cuts in non-military spending that would further cripple the ability of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Energy and other agencies to carry out their missions to steward our natural resources and protect our health. These agencies have already seen significant cuts: the EPA's budget has been slashed by 25 percent since 2010 and will now experience more than a 5 percent across-the-board sequester on top of that.

The Ryan budget would also continue to hand over billions in subsidies to oil companies and give the five largest oil companies billions of dollars more in tax cuts by reducing the corporate income tax rate while ending critical tax credits for solar and wind power. It would even sell lands that belong to the American public to benefit private energy companies. At the same time, it implements especially deep cuts for research on cleaner energy technologies.

In short, budgets are about choices and the Ryan budget systematically chooses the health of big polluter's pocketbooks over the health of the American public.

Once again, we urge you to oppose the Ryan budget. We need a budget plan for the 21st century, not one that pollutes our air and water, threatens our wildlife, and ignores the devastating impacts of climate change.

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