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Dear Congressman:

Republicans for Environmental Protection (REP), a national grassroots conservation organization, respectfully asks you to support the **Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009**. This broadly supported legislation is a significant conservation opportunity that represents years of hard work and dedication. It includes many worthwhile measures, such as granting permanence to the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS).

REP plans to score this vote in its 2009 Congressional Scorecard.

This bipartisan package of bills would protect nearly two million acres of Wilderness and a thousand miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers, including special places in California's White Mountains and Sierra Nevada, Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park, Idaho's Owyhee Canyonlands, Oregon's Mount Hood, the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and West Virginia, and the Wyoming Range.

The NLCS provision, which was passed in the House in 2008 and is supported by the Bush Administration, would codify this system of America's best multiple-use lands and help ensure sound management of these BLM managed resources. Codification will also ensure that the recreational value of NLCS lands to hunters, anglers and other outdoor enthusiasts will be effectively marketed to the economic benefit of adjacent Western communities.

Elevating the prominence of the NLCS will show that effective conservation can co-exist with a variety of land uses. It will ensure recognition of the outstanding historic and recreational values of NLCS lands and the rugged individualism that they promote.

Thank you for considering our views as you vote on this important measure.

Sincerely,

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