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South Carolina Coastal Conservation League ♦ Ted Trueblood Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Tennessee Clean Water Network ♦ The Coastal Coalition ♦ The Confluence Fund
The Trust for Public Land ♦ Westfield River Wild & Scenic Advisory Committee
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of our members and supporters across the nation we urge you to vote in support of S. 22, the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009. This legislation passed the Senate in January by a vote of 73-21 and includes many important provisions for protecting and preserving America's best land and water resources. In particular, our groups strongly support provisions of S. 22 that will designate over 1,000 miles of new National Wild and Scenic Rivers in Oregon, California, Idaho, Arizona, Wyoming, Utah and Massachusetts.

S. 22 is a compilation of over 160 bipartisan measures sponsored by 75 Representatives (39 Democratic and 36 Republican) and 53 Senators (27 Democratic, 25 Republican, and 1 Independent). Virtually all the provisions in the bill enjoy little to no opposition, robust local support from a diverse array of stakeholders and bipartisan support in Congress.

Our groups are strongly supportive of the Wild and Scenic River provisions of this legislation which will designate 86 new Wild and Scenic Rivers. This legislation includes protections for the Snake River headwaters in Wyoming, rivers on the flanks of Oregon's Mount Hood, rivers in Idaho's Owyhee-Bruneau Canyonlands and Utah's Zion National Park, rivers in California's Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wilderness and Riverside County Wilderness, Fossil Creek in Arizona, and the Taunton River in Massachusetts. In addition, the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in Vermont will be studied for Wild and Scenic eligibility.

Given the protection of over 270,000 acres of riparian land protection along over 1,000 miles of rivers, our organizations strongly support S. 22. We urge you to support this legislation when it comes to the floor and oppose any and all amendments, including a motion to recommit. On behalf of

our members and supporters, thank you for considering our views to protect America's public lands and rivers.

Sincerely,

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