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**From:** Barbara Vass [bjvass@milwpc.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 11:15 AM  
**To:** Kerkman, Samantha  
**Subject:** Assembly Bill 138

Dear Representative Kerkman,

Please vote YES on upcoming ASSEMBLY BILL 138 and restore the independence of the DNR Secretary from political appointment.

Wisconsin has a proud heritage of strong bi-partisan support for the environment (e.g., the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program). Long-term and far-reaching decisions about the environment should be based on the best available science, not used as leverage to reach short-term party goals, no matter who is in power. We were very disappointed that Governor Doyle changed his position on this issue and sincerely hope that you will vote YES on this bill.

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