



To: Wisconsin Assembly Members
From: Organizational Supporters of the Conservation Priorities
Date: February 22, 2010
Re: February 23, 2010 Floor Vote on Veto Override of AB 138

Dear Legislator,

Together, the more than eighty organizations endorsing the Conservation Priorities represent tens of thousands of Wisconsin hunters, anglers, boaters, business owners, parents and others. Reestablishing an independent Department of Natural Resources Secretary was selected by our organizations and our members as one of just four Conservation Priority issues for this legislative session.

As conservation organizations that span the political spectrum, we are united around restoring the DNR Secretary appointment authority to the Natural Resources Board. We have been dismayed in recent weeks to see this issue, one we have fought to have restored under Republican and Democratic Governors with Republican and Democratic legislative support, become a political football. **This is an issue that is overwhelmingly popular with the public.** We ask that you side with the citizens of this state who have worked so long to bring this to your attention and not allow political differences on other issues to deter you from supporting the veto override.

Restoring integrity to natural resource management will help to remove partisan politics from natural resource decision-making and restore credibility to the DNR. **We ask for your support in ensuring that the Governor's veto of AB 138 is overridden.** By voting for the veto override of AB 138, you are ensuring that Wisconsin's outdoor traditions remain viable and strong for future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

*The Aldo Leopold Audubon Society
Alliance for Sustainability
Artha Sustainable Living Center, LLC
Apollo Alliance of Wisconsin
Association of Retired Conservationists
Baird Creek Preservation Foundation
Bayfield Regional Conservancy
Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin*

*Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin
Brown County Chapter of the Izaak Walton
League
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Centerville CARES
Citizen Action of Wisconsin
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