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FREEDOMWORKS SUPPORTS REP. POMBO'S EFFORTS TO REFORM ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Property Rights Protections Strengthened in New Endangered Species Legislation

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Washington, D.C. -- Rep. Richard Pombo (R-Calif.), chairman of the House Resources Committee, has introduced legislation to re-authorize the Endangered Species Act that includes new protections for private property owners while revamping the approach to protecting threatened and endangered species. The bill addresses many of the problems that have been identified with the Endangered Species Act while strengthening the protection of private property rights.

"In the wake of the Kelo decision, it is heartening to see policymakers taking property rights seriously," said Dick Armey, co-chairman of FreedomWorks. "By its own standards, the Endangered Species Act was a failure that ran rough-shod over property rights while producing poor results in terms of species recovery."

"The protection of endangered species is important to all Americans," said Armey. "But in the past, the Endangered Species Act worked to punish property owners rather than make real gains in saving species. Rep. Pombo's legislation, the Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act (H.R. 3824), targets these problems through a new approach that is both fairer and more effective."

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