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The Honorable Richard Pombo
Chairman, House Committee on Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Pombo:

I am writing to offer the strong support of the National Association of Wheat Growers for HR 3824 The Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act.

As with most farmers, our members stand second to none in considering themselves among the finest conservation stewards of any in the United States or around the world. Our very productivity hinges on our environmental and conservation stewardship practices. We strongly support Farm Bill conservation programs which have allowed productive farm land to co-exist with some of the best fish, wildlife and waterfowl habitat anywhere in the country.

But left untended for nearly three decades, the Endangered Species Act has frequently resulted in regulatory overkill and has created conflicts with landowners and local communities. With the new conservation tools, recovery agreements and contracts and conservation aid, HR 3824 can turn that conflict into cooperation with benefits for both species recovery and agricultural productivity alike.

We look forward to working with you and stand ready to assist in any way to guide enactment of HR 3824 into law.

Sincerely,



Sherman J Reese
President, National Association of Wheat Growers