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August 27, 2009

Senator Max Baucus  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Baucus:

The sportsmen and women of Montana want to express our sincere thanks for the leadership you have shown on two critically important issues currently before the United States.

First, in June, you provided critically needed support for moving the Clean Water Restoration Act out of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. As you well know, hunters and anglers have been working for many years to restore wetland protection provisions that have been undermined by the U.S. Supreme Court. Through your efforts, the Clean Water Restoration Act has now taken an important step forward in accomplishing this objective. Fish, wildlife and water resources will all benefit from your work.

Second, we applaud the letter that you co-signed with Senator Whitehouse asking Senator Boxer to include a strong natural resource adaptation provision in the global warming legislation that the Environment and Public Works Committee is developing. As your letter accurately notes, Montana is already witnessing many impacts from a warming climate and establishing a strong adaptation program is an essential component of any strong climate change bill.

We all look forward to working with you as both the Clean Water Restoration Act and a Global Warming bill move forward in this Congress. Again, thank you for your great work.

Sincerely,

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