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John Flicker, President
National Audubon Society
700 Broadway
New York, NY 10003

Dear Mr. Flicker:

The Willapa Hills chapter of NAS is disappointed to learn that NAS is considering dropping the Endangered Species Campaign.

Saving a particular endangered species was, after all, the concern which brought our organization into being roughly a century ago. Our main mission is surely still to save endangered species; other campaigns (population, wetlands, refuges, living oceans etc.) being merely specific areas of action. This would be analogous to removing "to educate our children" from our schools' mission statement and merely enumerating the subjects to be taught.

Moreover, think what those who would weaken the ESA would do with the information that Audubon had discontinued its Endangered Species Campaign!

Sincerely,

Ruth Deery, Conservation chair
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