



CENTER for BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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Statement from Kieran Suckling, executive director of the Center for Biological Diversity, on the continuing resolution bill introduced by House Republicans tonight:

On the bill in general:

“Congress has no business making sweeping policy decisions about the health of our environment in a bill that’s simply meant as a stop-gap measure to keep the government functioning. This bill is a gift for industries intent on fouling our air, polluting our water and running roughshod over our wildlife.”

On the waiver for the Clean Air Act:

“Dismissing the Clean Air Act in one fell swoop and attacking its ability to combat climate change pollutants is a betrayal of Americans’ desire for clean, healthy air. The Clean Air Act is this nation’s single-most important existing law for reducing greenhouse gas pollution and avoiding the worst effects of the global climate disaster. This is a pure and simple give away to the oil, gas and coal industries, and ignores the many lives and dollars saved over the last four decades by this successful law.”

On the bill’s proposal to strip Endangered Species Act protections from gray wolves:

“Politicians aren’t scientists and they shouldn’t act like they are by suddenly saying they know when an endangered species has recovered. Gray wolves have made important strides thanks to the Endangered Species Act but they remain in less than 5 percent of their historic habitat and their recovery is far from complete.”

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