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## Support SB 15: Depoliticizing the Department of Natural Resources

Statement of Anne Sayers

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters

May 23, 2007

Good morning. I am Anne Sayers, Program Director for the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important bill. I use the term "important" intentionally. Re-creating an independent DNR Secretary is widely recognized as one of the most important issues to Wisconsin's diverse conservation community...from members of environmental groups to the tens of thousands of sportsmen and women.

As you'll recall, you recently received the *Conservation Priorities Agenda*, which included just four conservation priorities. With input from more than 50 organizations and hundreds of citizens via eight listening sessions around the state, Wisconsin conservationists selected just four issues. One of those was the Hunter, Trapper, Angler Bill of Rights, which includes re-creating an independent DNR Secretary. You also heard the urgency of this issue when nearly 450 citizens visited you and the rest of the legislature on Conservation Lobby Day in February.

There is no denying it: Wisconsin citizens are eager to once again have natural resource decisions based on science...not politics. I brought with me letters from citizens and clubs from across the state who were unable to be here today. The message in each is the same: The way to remove politics from natural resource decision-making is through a Natural Resources Board-appointed Secretary. You'll receive copies of all of these letters, but I want to highlight a few brief sentiments:

- "I am a lifelong Wisconsin resident. I hunt, fish and have trapped. I want the Secretary of the DNR to be a trained professional not a political appointee. The future of our wilderness is far too important to me to be left up to whoever is in political power at the time." – Al Buch, Green Bay
- "I value the Mukwonago River in my area. The DNR has taken important measures to protect that unique resource. I want to feel that I can trust the DNR to make sound decisions that are influenced by conservationists, not politicians." –Matthew Wisnefske, Mukwonago

- “Environmental protection is much too important to be part of partisan politics. Decisions made about environmental protection should be made on an independent scientific basis rather than a political basis.” – Kim McCarthy, Northeast Region Vice-Chair, Wisconsin Trout Unlimited
- “As someone who spends time hunting and fishing all over Wisconsin, from Green Bay to as far away as Mt. Hope, I know why it is important to have sound conservation management and decision making that is not influenced by politics.” –Joseph LeBeau, Janesville
- “When the decision was made to make the Secretary of the DNR an appointed position...many of us were deeply offended. After all, the Secretary works for the citizens and should be independent from any political pressures. The credibility of the DNR has been compromised.” –Betty Wolcott, Osseo
- “Representing a group of 18 sportsmen’s and fishing clubs whose members spend time hunting, fishing, and trapping all over Wisconsin, the Waukesha County Conservation Alliance knows why it is important to have sound conservation management and decision-making that is not influence by politics.” –Ronald Gray, President, Waukesha County Conservation Alliance

You will hear a lot more today about how this bill could improve Wisconsin. The Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters strongly supports those sentiments, but we wanted to use our time to impress upon you how deeply the typical Wisconsin conservation voter cares about this very important issue.

Please support SB 15.

Thank you.

May 18, 2007

Dear Chairperson Miller,

Thank you for holding a hearing on SB 15/AB 42 regarding an Independent DNR Secretary. This has long been a priority of outdoorsmen and women who understand the importance of managing, enjoying, and preserving the outdoors for future generations.

As you know, the Natural Resources Board is a citizen-based board that was created in 1928 to reduce the role of politics in conservation matters, and it positioned Wisconsin as a national leader in resource management for nearly seventy years. One of the NRB's main responsibilities was to select the Secretary of the DNR.

Unfortunately, this selection authority was taken away from the NRB in 1995, and the DNR Secretary then became a partisan political appointment of the Governor. This change caused a great increase in the role of politics in the decision-making processes of the DNR. As a result, the credibility of DNR decision-making is called into question even in situations where agency decisions have not been politically influenced.

Representing a group of 18 sportsmen's and fishing clubs whose members spend time hunting and fishing and trapping all over Wisconsin, the Waukesha County Conservation Alliance knows why it is important to have sound conservation management and decision-making that is not influenced by politics.

I urge you to listen to people like us—Wisconsin's hunters and anglers—and restore the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board.

Thank you,

Ronald Gray  
President  
Waukesha County Conservation Alliance  
414-321-0869

Senator Mark Miller  
State Capitol, Room 106 South  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7882

Dear Senator Miller,

I want to thank you for holding a hearing on SB 15/AB 42. It is so important to have a free and independent DNR Secretary.

For many years I have enjoyed Wisconsin's beautiful lakes, forests and rivers as well as our many parks. I have also kept up with what was happening to laws that protect our natural resources and many times I testified at hearings where our waters or lands were threatened by pollution, etc.

When the decision was made to make the Secretary of the DNR an appointed position under Governor Thompson, many of us were deeply offended. After all, the Secretary works for the citizens and should be independent from any political pressures. The credibility of the DNR has been compromised. I sincerely hope you will work to restore to the DNR Board the power to appoint our Secretary of Natural Resources.

Thank you.

Betty Wolcott  
N47475 Woodland Lane  
Osseo, WI 54758

May 21, 2007

Dear Chairperson Miller,

I appreciate the fact that you are holding a hearing on SB 15/AB 42 dealing with the independence of the DNR Secretary. This is an extremely important matter when it comes to the future of keeping the natural lands of Wisconsin, viable and available to the citizens of Wisconsin.

In 1928, a wise measure was taken to keep politics out of conservation matters. It worked for 70 years. Then, in 1995, partisan group of politicians ran roughshod over the nonpartisan, science-based nature of decision-making by the DNR, by making the DNR Secretary a political appointee. Under the leadership of Tommy Thompson, these ethically compromised politicians changed the law to allow the governor to personally and politically appoint the DNR Secretary. DNR credibility has been on the decline since.

I have hunted, fished, canoed, and camped over most of the state over the last fifty years. Believe me, I understand the importance of scientifically based decision making over politics. I have seen good trout streams compromised or ruined by politically influenced land use decisions. I have seen riverside setback laws violated and not enforced due to political influence. Activities like these will accelerate the decline of our natural heritage that I hope can be passed on to my grandchildren.

Please...restore the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board.

Thank you,

James D. Servais  
4607 Reforestation Rd.  
Green Bay, WI 54313

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Thank you,  
Matthew D. Wisniewski  
1045 Eastern Trail #103  
Mukwonago, WI 53149

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As someone who spends time hunting, fishing and boating all over Wisconsin, from Wautoma to as far away as Vilas County, I know why it is important to have sound conservation management and decision-making that is not influenced by politics. For this reason,

I urge you to listen to people like me—Wisconsin's hunters, anglers, and boaters—and restore the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board.

Thank you,

Ed Hernandez

PO Box 792

Wautoma, WI 54982

May 18, 2007

To all concerned,

I am a lifelong Wisconsin resident. I hunt, fish and have trapped.

I support the DNR in its effort to preserve our Wisconsin wilderness .

I want the Secretary of the DNR to be a trained professional not a political appointee. The future of our wilderness is far too important to me to be left up to who ever is in political power at the time.

Please act to let the board decide on the Secretary's appointment .

Yours,

Al Buch

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Joseph P. LeBeau  
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Janesville, Wi 53546-3813

Sen. Mark Miller  
PO Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707

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Re: SB 15/AB 42

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Thank you,

Electronically signed.  
Joseph P. LeBeau

cc: Rep. Mike Sheridan  
Rep. Chuck Benedict  
Rep. Kim Hixson  
Sen. Judy Robson

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Thank you,

Larry Zamba  
24503-75 Street  
Salem, WI 53168

Hello,

I want to see the re-introduction of an independent DNR chief, like Wisconsin once had during its famed period of clean politics. The deeper down the political strings go, the less scientific and the less program objectives occur as special political interests usurp the best interests of all the citizens who pay for these programs.

It is time that Wisconsin's DNR had an independent DNR chief again in order to be free to work on global warming issues from that vantage point as well as other issues. Conservation is being sold out to the highest political bidders, and this needs to stop.

Another reason is that DNR has a lot of control over water and air quality issues both independently and in conjunction with other agencies.

There are serious questions about chronic wasting disease, mad cow disease, Jacob Cruetzfield disease, mink spongiform encephalitis, and other spongiform encephalitis diseases that need open public hearings under the DNR without political interference for the best interests of everyone. It now appears that the CWD is caused by prions that are bent backwards abnormally. Prions are proteins. Researchers have found that the brain nerve snapses that transfer information have been found totally burnt out with only a blackened hole remaining with traces of fluoride and aluminum in the frontal cortex where our memory storage exists. Other researchers know that it is the extreme electronegativity of the fluoride atoms that permit the aluminum atoms to cross the blood brain barrier. There needs to be an open and full discussion of this through public hearings.

Sincerely

Susan Michetti  
605 Sheila St  
Mt Horeb Wi 53572

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I urge you to listen to people like me—Wisconsin's outdoor enthusiasts—and restore the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board.

Thank you,

Rebecca Eisel

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May 18, 2007

Re: Hearing on SB 15/AB 42

Dear Chairperson Miller,

Thank you for holding a hearing regarding an Independent DNR Secretary. The 1995 change making the office of the DNR Secretary an appointed position left the position subject to political influence, thereby reducing the credibility of the Department in the eyes of the public.

As an avid camper, fisher, birdwatcher, and hiker, and as an employee in the non-profit conservation sector, I would love to see the position go back to being a position elected by the Natural Resources Board, to represent the resource, held in trust for the citizens of the state.

I urge you to listen to Wisconsin's citizens and restore the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board.

Thank you,

Amy L. Thorstenson  
285 Johns Lane  
Mosinee, WI 54455

May 18, 2007

Dear Chairman Miller and Members of the Natural Resources Committee,

I neither hunt nor fish, but still want to see the DNR secretary appointed by the NRB and a confirmation vote required in 6 months. Our resources need protection, and hunters and anglers have been instrumental in helping such organizations as the Sierra Club and the Nature Conservancy in that protection. It is becoming ever more difficult for people to experience "wildness".

Don J. McCrery  
Sparta, WI

Dear Senator Miller:

I'm writing to support passage of SB 15 and restoration of the Natural Resources Board as the body to appoint the DNR Secretary. The current process of appointment by the governor is too open to partisan political influence and has led to confusion and delays. I've seen a lot of good wildlife habitat and wetlands in western Wisconsin fall to careless development, which probably wouldn't have been allowed if the regulatory process hadn't been blindsided by the developers. I think this bill would be a good first step toward more reasonable policies.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,  
David Ziemann  
904 Cass Street  
La Crosse, Wisconsin

May 21, 2007

Dear Sen. Miller,

I think I'm probably preaching to the choir when I ask you to support Senate Bill 15 to return the choice of DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board, as it was before Tommy Thompson managed to consolidate the power in his office.

I hope that this can be accomplished in this legislative session -- and maybe you will also reinstate the Public Intervener while you're at it!

Thanks,

John

John Smart  
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## Kerry Schumann

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**From:** Jennifer Giegerich [jennifer@conservationvoters.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 22, 2007 12:45 PM  
**To:** kerry@conservationvoters.org  
**Subject:** 2 NR letters--one in text and one attached.

**Attachments:** sb 15 Vernie Smith support.doc



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May 22, 2007

Re: Hearing on SB 15/AB 42

Dear Chairperson Miller,

I am writing this letter in support of restoration of the appointment authority of the DNR secretary to Natural Resources Board. I hope the hearing before the Senate Natural Resources Committee on May 23 will help to move this bill before the full legislature.

The independence of the DNR secretary is something that is so very important in this age of political influence by lobbyists who do not necessarily represent the public interest! Wisconsin's environment is something I value everyday. Please help all of us to continue to improve that environment by restoring appointment authority to the Natural Resources Board.

Thank you for holding this hearing,

Sincerely,

Linda Huttenburg  
421 Bruce Lane  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Jennifer Giegerich  
Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters

May 22, 2007

Dear Chairperson Miller,

I would like to add my voice to those who support SB 15 which would return the responsibility of appointing the Secretary of Natural Resources to the Natural Resources Board.

In the area of natural resource protection it is essential that political influences be kept to a minimum. This is especially true today with a growing population and the accompanying demands that are placed on our valuable and irreplaceable land and water resources.

The method of appointment that was in place until the mid 1990's served us well. It should never have been changed and it is long past time to change it back.

I commend the legislators that have signed on to this important bill and I encourage the committee to forward this bill to the Senate for consideration.

Thank you,

Vernie Smith  
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Viroqua, Wisconsin 54665

608-637-8654

Dear Mr. Miller,

For seventy years the Department of Natural Resources Secretary was sheltered from political meddling. It was in the best tradition of our state's "Progressive Idea", that the separation of the DNR Secretary from politics took place. Then, in an ill-conceived move, it was brought into the political sphere. As a person who loves nature and deeply cares about its future, I whole-heartedly support restoring the authority of the non-partisan Natural Resources Board to appoint the DNR Secretary. Our natural resources belong to all who use and appreciate them and should not be held hostage by political machinations. Because of the polarization of today's political situation, every decision the DNR makes becomes another battlefield. Of course, it is the good stewardship of our natural resources that suffer. Therefore, I ask that you and your committee rise above partisan politics and do what is best for Wisconsin's future. Restore the right of the Natural Resources Board to appoint the DNR Secretary.

Respectfully,  
Steven Lambert  
1147 Porlier St.  
Green Bay, WI 54301

May 18, 2007

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I urge you to listen to people like me—and restore the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board.

Thank you,

Christine M. Fossen-Rades

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Appleton, WI 54912-0655  
May 18 2007

Att: Chairperson Miller

Re: SB/15/AB42

My comments to submit to the public hearing:

Because natural resources is such a political issue, I support the return of Wisconsin to having an independent, not politically-appointed DNR Secretary. The original concept was a board of citizens, which also selects the Secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources.

Alternately, the position of Secretary should be a permanent civil service position based on merit, not a political appointment. Conservation management has become increasingly scientific, requiring knowledge and skills in the various conservation topics, and also in management.

I support continued use of public comments, such as is facilitated by forums such as Conservation Congress meetings, which I have sometimes attended. The natural resources of the state are inextricably intertwined with public rights, even when parts of that resource may be privately owned.

Additionally, I want to take this opportunity to register my support for recreating the public intervenor position, which had been eliminated a number of years ago. I want to make sure that the public interest of persons, such as myself, is protected. Generally, this goes along with protecting the resource from changes, which it could not sustain.

I am a Girl Scout, camper, skier, Sierra Club member and I appreciate the outdoors of Wisconsin. I am interested in a variety of issues that affect health and quality of life and which relate to many DNR issues.

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**To: Wisconsin State Senate - Natural Resources Committee**

**Re: Independent Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources**

**Senators,**

**I am informed that the Senate will be holding hearings on whether or not the State of Wisconsin should return to the former practice of having the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources be appointed the Natural Resources Board.**

**As I am sure you realize this was the practice until recently. It was a system that served us well and we should return to it.**

**Wisconsin does not have a cabinet type of government. We elect our Secretary of Education. We elect our Attorney General. We elect Supreme Court justices. Our Lt. Governor runs as a candidate separate from the Governor. Since the Thompson administration this general practice of electing officers of state government departments has been compromised in regard to the Department of Natural Resources.**

**I cannot tell you why the Secretary of DNR does not have to run as a candidate but in many ways I am glad of that fact. After all, you are all part of that electoral process and I think you can understand the factors and compromises that sometimes go into running for an elected office. I am not sure that this position should be one where the candidate needs to pander to the general public to win election. The environment is too important for that to be the case.**

**I suspect that the former practice of having the Secretary of DNR being a nominee, subject to legislative approval, was a reasonable compromise intended to insulate the office from petty partisan issues that change from time to time. This was a good and sensible idea. It is my considered opinion that our natural resources, and the rules that govern their use and protection, must be insulated from the day to day political concerns that sometimes degenerate into raw partisan matters.**

**The natural resources of Wisconsin are for all of its citizens and should not be subject to the mundane partisan issues of the day. We need a person in the office of Secretary of DNR who is free to do what is deemed best for the long term. They must be able to act without fear of reprisal on the part of the Governor. That is not the case when the Secretary of DNR is a gubernatorial appointee.**

**Many of us well remember how George Meyer felt compelled to pull his punches as an appointed DNR Secretary. Now that he is no longer constrained by political concerns he is free to speak his mind. I would note that for some time his reputation suffered because of his actions, or lack of actions, as DNR Secretary. Now that is no longer the case yet he is still the same man of integrity and knows how to make his points in a firm but respectful manner. I don't think the citizens of Wisconsin need fear the freedom to be forthright in the position of DNR Secretary. The person who holds that office should not feel undue political pressure from any particular side if they are doing the job well and doing so in a way that is congruent with the stated goals and mission of the DNR.**

**I realize that anyone elected to office runs on certain issues and often makes certain promises. They, in effect, sell a certain set of conditions that they stand for. While this may be all well and good in the legislative and the executive branches it does not serve us well in regard to natural resources.**

**While the Natural Resources Board is not the public at large it is made up of individuals with a wide range of experiences who are known to the various interest groups that use and enjoy our natural resources. These people are subject to scrutiny and inquiry in regard to their actions. They are also more accessible by means of such Wisconsin institutions as the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and other sporting or environmental groups.**

**The Governor of Wisconsin has certain rather generous inputs as to who sits on the Natural Resources Board. The Governor should be content with that and let these people serve as advisors to the office of Governor when it comes to naming the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. The former**

**system should be re-instituted and legislature should act with all due speed to see that this does in fact happen.**

**Respectfully,**

**Thomas J. Hermann**

**Green Bay Chapter Representative to Trout Unlimited State Council**

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May 22, 2007

Dear Representative Scott Gunderson,

Re: Independent DNR Secretary (SB 15/AB 42 hearing)

We met before your last election to discuss many issues including the Wisconsin DNR's inability to avoid decisions based on politics when the DNR Secretary is appointed by the Governor. I felt at the time that your position on this issue was the same as mine and hope that you will continue to fight for elimination of the status quo when the subject hearing proceeds to changes in legislation.

As you know, the Natural Resources Board was created to reduce the role of politics in conservation matters and it positioned Wisconsin as a national leader in resource management. One of the NRB's main responsibilities was to select the Secretary of the DNR.

Unfortunately, this selection authority was taken away from the NRB in 1995. As a result, the credibility of the DNR's decision making is called into question even in situations where agency decisions have not been politically influenced.

A case in point that we discussed last year is the continuing (three times now) DNR approval of the Village of East Troy high capacity well near Lake Beulah without legally required permits. The original permit elapsed yet the DNR allowed the Village to proceed without another permit application. Most recently, the Village decided to move the well site and the DNR approved this move without the legally required environmental review process under s. 1.11 Wis. Stats.

It is unfair to say that the above rulings were politically motivated by campaign contributions from land developers and the well drillers association but again the credibility of the DNR is adversely affected by the simple fact that the DNR Secretary is a political appointee and not selected by the citizen-based Natural Resources Board.

I urge you to listen to your constituents and restore the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board

Thank you,

Richard A. Dow  
Town of East Troy  
e-mail: [radow@execpc.com](mailto:radow@execpc.com)

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Thank you,

Ann Brodek, Trustee, Village of Wind Point

228 Eldorado Drive

Racine, WI

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John Glennon  
5 Pleasant Oak Court  
Oregon, WI 53575

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Bruce P. Pittsley

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Racine, WI. 53402

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1637 Chatham Street

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Colleen Fisch  
Supervisor #2: the Town of Bristol  
7912 160<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Bristol, WI 53104

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700 College St.  
Beloit, WI 53511

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Charles F. Smalley  
1533 Comanche Glen,  
Madison, WI. 53704

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1618 Sheridan Drive  
Madison, WI 53704

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George Penn

4634 Bonner Lane

Madison, WI 53704

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**I urge you to help pave the way for preserving the outdoors for future generations, and restore the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board.**

**Thank you,**

**Ron Thomas**

**1429 Grange Avenue**

**Racine, Wisconsin 53405**

Dear Chairperson Miller,

The State of Wisconsin has been in a crisis of confidence for some time due to the lack of integrity demonstrated by its elected officials. In light of the continued erosion of voter confidence I thank you for holding a hearing on SB 15/AB 42 regarding an Independent DNR Secretary. Whether you live in the city of Milwaukee and have never hunted or fished, or you spend all your free time outdoors, the natural resources of our state are of paramount importance.

I hunt, fish and camp all over Wisconsin, from the Southern Kettle Moraine to as far away as Lake Superior. I know why it is important to have sound conservation management and decision-making that is not influenced by politics. State of Wisconsin voters are counting on diligent state oversight to offset the lack of federal protection for our precious land, water and living resources.

A person watching the nightly news can find ample evidence of lack of fiduciary responsibility when politics are involved. A political appointee may have political enthusiasm and loyalty and not have the required skills or judgment needed to handle the task at hand. An example of this is the Katrina disaster.

When it comes to our precious State, I believe it is important to decentralize the power of the Governor and put it back into the hands of the citizens of Wisconsin in the form of the Natural Resources Board. Time and history has demonstrated that a person's integrity and skilled judgment is not improved as a political appointee. History has also proved time and again that a transparent government responsive to its citizens is less likely to use its control inappropriately.

Therefore, please remove all appearances of partisanship or political influence by returning the appointment of the Secretary back to the Natural Resources Board.

Thank you,

Regina Westemeier

402 Grand Ave

Mukwonago, WI 53149

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111 -- Eleventh St., 4CS

Racine WI 53403

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5216 Wind Point Rd.,

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4221 Greenbriar Lane  
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I urge you to listen to people like me—who are elected on a non-partisan basis. The reasons are clear. This is a very specialized field and those people who work in the sciences and land protection will elect the most qualified person for this very important role.

Kenosha County Board

Supervisor #20

Jennifer Jackson

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Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

(Land Use and Legislative committees WCA Land Use steering committee)

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Cathy Cryor Burgweger  
N8010 Sandy Hook Road  
Brooklyn, WI 53521  
Green County Supervisor, District 26

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Jay Warner  
Environmentalist, Voter &  
Tree hugger wanna-be  
Village of Caledonia, WI 53404  
USA

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

To: Senator Neal Kedzie - 11th Senate District -Republican  
Room 313 South, State Capitol, P.O. Box 7882, Madison 53707-7882

Subject: Please support SB 15

Dear Senator Kedzie:

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Sincerely,

Stephen Koermer

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Room 306 North, State Capitol, P.O. Box 8952, Madison, WI 53708

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On behalf of the Waukesha County Environmental Action League (WEAL), a 30 year-old, Waukesha County based environmental organization we strongly urge returning an independent DNR Secretary. As you can imagine, in those three decades we've seen the DNR change from a tiger to a kitten, in terms of its protection of the environment. As you know, the Natural Resources Board is a citizen-based board that was created in 1928 to reduce the role of politics in conservation matters, and it positioned Wisconsin as a national leader in resource management for nearly seventy years. One of the NRB's primary responsibilities was to select the Secretary of the DNR.

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As citizens who enjoy outdoor recreation all over Wisconsin, from Waukesha to Minocqua, we know why it is important to have sound conservation management and decision-making that is not influenced by politics. As a grass roots environmental organization, WEAL supports good science in making decisions about our natural resources. Wisconsin is particularly blessed with great and abundant natural resources. The protection and wise use of these resources should not be based upon political whim, but instead on what is scientifically necessary and protects the resource for this and future generations.

We urge you to listen to people like us—Wisconsin taxpayers and voters—individuals who enjoy all of what the Wisconsin outdoors has to offer, and restore the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board. Help restore the integrity of natural resource management in Wisconsin.

Thank you,

Stevn D. Schmuki, President  
Waukesha County Environmental Action League, Inc.  
P. O. Box 1532  
Brookfield, Wisconsin

To Whom It May Concern:

Now is the hour! Let's get serious about our natural resources. Abolish the gubernatorial appointed DNR Secretary! Appoint someone with a natural resources degree, and/or background. Who better to manage Wisconsin's fine resources?

Sincerely,  
Frank Reith

May 21, 2007

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As someone who enjoys outdoor recreation all over Wisconsin, from Brookfield to Hanover, I understand how important it is to have sound conservation management and decision-making that is not influenced by politics. Last fall, in process that can only be described as theatre, a group of politically-motivated legislators attempted to de-list the Butler's garter snake as a state endangered species. Had they been successful, it would have been the first time that a species had been listed or de-listed based only on political interests and not science. We cannot let this happen to our valuable natural resources that we count on the DNR to manage and protect for us, the citizens of Wisconsin.

I urge you to act promptly and firmly to restore the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board.

Thank you,

Ellen Gennrich  
2065 Donmar Lane  
Brookfield WI 53005

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I urge you to listen to people like me—Wisconsin's hunters, anglers and outdoor enthusiasts—and restore the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board.

Thank you,

Kristin Wisnefske

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Wisconsin State Senate - Natural Resources Committee

Senators,

My understanding is that you will be taking up the matter of returning the selection of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board and ending the relatively recent practice of having the Secretary appointed by the Governor.

I am in complete agreement with having the Secretary selected by the Board rather than the Governor. Selection by the Governor has politicized the position of DNR Secretary. Which ever way the current Governor leans in his environmental views ends up being reflected in the choice of a Secretary. That is not the way business should be done when it comes to protecting the environment in Wisconsin.

Environmental protection is much too important to be part of partisan politics. Decisions made about environmental protection should be made on an independent scientific basis rather than a political basis.

It is high time to get politics out of environmental protection as well as decisions that are made about outdoor recreation in Wisconsin. Many Wisconsin citizens who care deeply about the environment and doing what is right to protect it are in agreement that the time has come to get back to the old system of having the DNR Board appoint the Secretary.

We have tried the political method and found it wanting. We can not completely rid the system of politics because the Governor has great power in choosing those who sit on the DNR Board. But we can certainly return to the past system and improve the current situation.

My hope is that the Legislature will take this opportunity to put the state back on a path that will enhance the level of environmental protection in the state.

Sincerely,  
Kim P. McCarthy  
Northeast Region Vice Chair - Wisconsin Trout Unlimited  
736 Meadowbrook Ct.  
Green Bay, WI 54313

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I volunteer my time in the spring and summer to develop and maintain the Ice Age Trail in Portage and Waupaca Counties. In the fall I also take fourth grade students from Franklin School in Appleton, Wisconsin hiking on the Ice Age Trail at Hartman Creek State Park. I do this because I want future Wisconsin generations to know about the outdoor opportunities that are available in Wisconsin. I also want to preserve and protect them. Having an independent DNR Secretary will certainly help do this.

I ask you to listen to people like myself who want to preserve and protect Wisconsin outdoors and restore the appointment of the DNR Secretary to the Natural Resources Board.

Thank you.

Dale Schaber  
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Appleton, WI 54911-5660