

June 26, 2008

The Honorable George Miller 2205 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Miller:

The No Child Left Inside Coalition, representing more than 20 million people across the country, thanks you for your support last week of the No Child Left Inside Act. This legislation, as approved by the House Education and Labor Committee, provides much-needed support for environmental education, and we are grateful for your strong leadership on this issue.

As you well know, we must do more to get our young people outside to explore and learn about their natural world. Providing them with engaging environmental lessons will encourage them to get more involved in outdoor activities throughout their lives.

We also believe that high-quality environmental instruction will inspire more young people to pursue careers in science and math. And teaching students about the environment will prepare them to be good citizens and future leaders, well-equipped to understand and overcome complicated environmental challenges.

Our Coalition includes more than 400 groups from the areas of the environment, education, public health, business and outdoor recreation. All of our members recognize the enormous value of getting kids outdoors to learn.

Again, we thank you for your support for the NCLI Act. Moving forward, we would be happy to provide you with any information on this important issue, and please visit our website, www.NCLICoalition.org.

Sincerely,

Members of the No Child Left Inside Coalition:

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Education

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McCall Outdoor Science School

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College

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Education

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National Audubon Society

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National Education Association National Marine Sanctuary Foundation

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Education

National Recreation and Park Association National Science Teachers Association National Service-Learning Partnership

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Natural Science Collaborative Natural Systems Solutions Nature Discovery Center NC Bartram Trail Society

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Education

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Oglebay Zoo

Ohio River Foundation

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Oregon Trout - Healthy Waters Institute

Oregon Zoo

Outdoor Industry Association

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Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever

Pittsburgh Regional Center for Science Teachers

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Planning and Conservation League

PlayCore

Playgrounds of Peace

PNW BOCES Center Environmental Education

Population Connection

Project HEAL (Human, Environmental & Animal

Links)

Project Learning Tree

Project U.S.E.

Project U.S.E. [urban suburban environments]

Project WET USA Punahou School Pursue Balance

Quantum Yoga and Wellness Reading School District- PA

Rhode Island Environmental Education Association Rhode Island Zoological Society/Roger Williams Park

Zoo

River Source

Riverbend Environmental Education Center Rockbridge Area Conservation Council

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Roosevelt Elementary

San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department

Santa Fe Community College Teaching Zoo

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The Farm-Based Education Association

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