

Committee: Rivers, Streams, and Fisheries

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Intended Recipient: Specific Leaders in Washington, D.C.: Congressman Gaetz from Florida, Scott Pruitt (EPA administrator), Senators Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill, and all of Missouri's representatives in the United States Congress

Preservation of the EPA

WHEREAS, there are many administrative and legislative proposals to restrict the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ability to perform its core mission which includes working with states to protect the environment through unwarranted administrative restrictions and budgeting and staffing reductions; and

WHEREAS, HR 861 states: "The Environmental Protection Agency shall terminate on December 31, 2018"; and

WHEREAS, since 1970 the EPA has served to protect our nation's natural resources and improve air quality, water quality, and quality of life for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, its termination would undo many conservation victories from the last five decades; and

WHEREAS, if the EPA is terminated, thousands of environmental scientists, researchers, and graduate students would lose funding and support for scientific research; and

WHEREAS, its termination would have an irreversible negative impact on the natural resources, water quality, air quality, and quality of life enjoyed by all Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 12th day of March 2017, strongly opposes the termination of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and any administrative and legislative proposals to restrict the EPA's ability to perform its core mission.