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Mr. Brian Seasholes **Executive Director** Southwest Communities Coalition 168 E 4th Street Benson, Arizona 85602

Dear Mr. Seasholes,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife to provide testimony on H.R. 925, H.R. 1747, H.R. 2748, H.R. 2854, H.R. 2918, H.R. 2956, H.R. 3399. H.R. 4340, H.R. 4341 and H.R. 4348 on Tuesday, September 24th, 2019. As a follow-up to your testimony, please find the enclosed additional questions submitted by members of the Committee for inclusion in the final hearing record. Please provide your written responses to: Ms. Casey MacLean, Subcommittee Clerk, no later than October 8th, 2019. Committee Rule 3(0) requires responses within 10 business days of the last day of the hearing.

We greatly appreciate your time and insight, and we remain grateful for your contribution to the Committee's work. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. MacLean at (202) 226-7673 about this request.

Sincerely,

Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife

Enclosure

Questions for the Record

Questions from Representative Jeff Van Drew

- How much could coastal districts who rely heavily on healthy habitat to support fisheries and other wildlife for birdwatching, recreation, fishing, and tourism stand to lose economically should wetlands continue to be lost?
- How do wetlands benefit hunters and fishermen?
- How will the \$18 million increase in annual appropriated funds further wetland conservation?