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Rep. Bruce Westerman, Chair  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
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Rep. Raul Grijalva, Ranking Member  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
1332 Longworth House Office Building  
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Re: Support for the Wildlife Movement Through Partnerships Act (H.R. 8836)

Dear Chair Westerman & Ranking Member Grijalva:

On behalf of the National Audubon Society and our 1.4 million members and supporters, we would like to express our support for the Wildlife Movement Through Partnerships Act (H.R. 8836) and urge the Committee to advance the bill to the House floor. As an organization dedicated to conservation, we acknowledge that healthy habitat is needed for healthy wildlife populations, including birds.

Birds are vital indicators of ecosystem health and play essential roles in maintaining balanced environments. Effective habitat connectivity is crucial for their survival, as it helps to ensure the availability of resources and provide stopover areas and habitats for migration. By supporting this bill, we can significantly enhance these connections, benefiting countless bird species.

Additionally, birdwatching generates nearly \$100 billion in economic revenue annually, underscoring the importance of conserving and restoring habitats that support both bird populations and the economy. The Wildlife Movement Through Partnerships Act will provide essential resources for habitat connectivity projects, benefiting birds and big game species.

While progress has been made to conserve essential habitats for migrating species, more work remains to be done. This Act would encourage coordination across the federal agencies, enhance collaboration, and support States, Tribes, and private landowners in their efforts to improve habitat connectivity and migration corridors.

We urge the committee to promptly advance this critical legislation to conserve connected habitats.

Sincerely,

National Audubon Society