

October 13, 2010

Dear Mr. Valley:

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns about wildlife conservation. I appreciate the opportunity to learn your views on this important matter.

Environmental conservation is part of Minnesota's heritage – and it is part of my own family heritage too. Like most Minnesotans, I grew up in a family that values the outdoors. My grandfather from northern Minnesota was an avid hunter. My father is a bicyclist, mountain climber and all-around outdoorsman. Growing up, I never took a vacation that didn't involve a cabin or a tent. I believe that we must protect our country's natural resources for future generations.

That is why I am a cosponsor of S. 655, the Teaming with Wildlife Act of 2009. This legislation would protect nongame fish and wildlife species by helping states carry out a comprehensive wildlife restoration program. This bill will give states the crucial tools they need to identify problems and take action to preserve our native wildlife. I am also a cosponsor of S. 1214, the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act, a bill that would create an across-the-board strategy to support and fund conservation of fish habitat through partnerships at federal, state, and local levels between public and private entities.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. One of the most important parts of my job is listening to what the people of Minnesota have to say to me. I am here in our nation's capital to do the public's business and to serve the people of our state. I hope you will contact me again about matters of concern to you.

Sincerely,

Amy Klobuchar

United States Senator