

# MULTINATIONAL SPECIES COALITION

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July 22, 2010

The Honorable George Miller  
2205 Rayburn House Office Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Miller,

We write on behalf of our 20 million members across the United States to express our support for H.R. 4416, the Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization Amendments Act. We thank you for championing this important legislation and deeply appreciate your commitment to conservation of great apes globally. In advance of the House Natural Resources Committee mark up of this bill on July 22, 2010, we write to endorse your amendment in the nature of a substitute accommodating recommendations by the Coalition to strengthen the Great Ape Conservation Fund at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

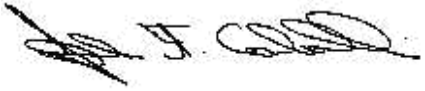
Most great ape species have declined in the past few decades. Declines have been attributable to poaching for bushmeat, capture for the pet trade, loss of forest habitat to logging and agriculture, human-ape conflicts over crops, and outbreaks of deadly diseases such as Ebola and HIV. Conservationists, trade policy and enforcement experts around the world agree that more resources are desperately needed to slow the exploitation of forest habitats, combat the illegal trade in wildlife, prevent disease transmission to humans, and promote greater socio-economic stability in local communities. When enacted, H.R. 4416 has the potential to generate almost three times as much in matching contributions from other national governments, corporations and private organizations. This additional support will help to protect these charismatic species from poachers, preserve their habitat and help ensure their survival in the wild.

Thank you for your leadership and support in conserving the world's imperiled great apes for future generations. We look forward to working with you to ensure H.R. 4416 becomes law in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.


Sincerely,




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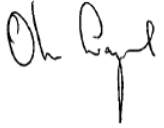
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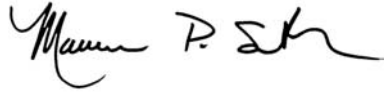
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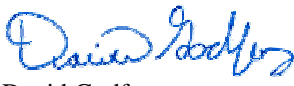
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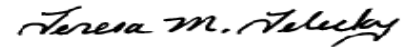
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