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Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee
State Office Building
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Re: Support of House File 172 – Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriations

Dear Members of the Committee:

Audubon Minnesota, along with affiliated Audubon chapters across the state, supports House File 172: Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriations. While Audubon Minnesota has a project that will receive funding through this bill, this letter is submitted in support of the entire package.

The Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund benefits current citizens and future generations by providing long-term, consistent, and stable funding for projects to protect, conserve, and enhance Minnesota’s “air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources,” and has provided funding to nearly 1,800 projects across the state of Minnesota since 1991.

We appreciate and acknowledge the extensive vetting done by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota’s Natural Resources. The breadth of projects in House File 172 is critical to protecting and enhancing Minnesota’s environment and natural resources. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dale Gentry
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Alongside the following independent Audubon chapters across Minnesota:

- Peter Mattson, President of [Austin Audubon Society](#)
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- Daniel Kneip, President of [Central Minnesota Audubon Chapter](#)
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