WHAT TO SAY WHEN SPEAKING WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVE ABOUT THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND ANTI-TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2018

The Wildlife Conservation and Anti-Trafficking Act of 2018 (H.R. 5697) is a landmark, bipartisan piece of legislation that will protect wildlife in the U.S. and around the world.

The global black-market trade in illegal wildlife is driving species to extinction on the back of illicit profits for criminals and countless human rights abuses.

Whistleblowing generates funds for the government by helping law enforcement catch criminals and recoup illicit monies that would otherwise go under the radar.

Here are three main things that this bill accomplishes:

- **Strengthens** the detection of wildlife crime by empowering whistleblowers to come forward with information.
- **Enhances** enforcement mechanisms by expanding transnational law enforcement and making wildlife trafficking an offense under federal organized crime statutes.
- **Increases** wildlife conservation funding, at no expense to taxpayers, by investing monies recovered from successful prosecutions back into conservation efforts.

This bill is bipartisan: it was introduced by Reps. Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU) and Don Young (R-AK), both members of the House Natural Resources Committee, in May 2018.

Stopping wildlife trafficking is something that both parties can come together on: this bill builds on the foundation of the END Wildlife Trafficking Act of 2016 signed by President Obama, and the Executive Order No. 13773 signed by President Trump.

This bill has brought support from key environmental organizations: The Association of Zoos and Aquariums, World Wildlife Fund, International Fund for Animal Welfare, and the African Wildlife Foundation have all already endorsed the bill.

The United States has the opportunity to be an even stronger leader in conservation efforts, and it's important to me that my elected representatives support this bill.

I urge you to support the Wildlife Conservation and Anti-Trafficking Act of 2018 (H.R. 5697).