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Mr. Stephen Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson,

As Christians, we are charged to be good STEWARDS of all of God's creation. It is not for us to exploit any living thing out of greed or pride, or for us to decide that any living thing has no good purpose and thus can be callously done away with.

The parables of Jesus are full of examples of what happens when a steward does not take careful heed to what becomes of the Master's property. We will be held accountable for how we use, protect, or abuse God's creation.

Mahatma Gandhi taught that one could know the quality of a society by how that society treats animals. Our Christian heritage teaches that we are stewards of all God's creation, not owners to dispose of it where we see fit. The parables of Jesus are full of great insight regarding what happens when a steward, left in charge of caring for the true owner's property, fails in that charge. Let us be good and

faithful servants, and show the truly excellent quality of our society and ourselves. Let us care for all living things with utmost regard for the sanctity of life.

I applaud your agency's initiation of a Clean Water Act veto for the Yazoo Backwater Pumping Plant project (Yazoo Pumps) in Mississippi, and urge you to finalize that veto as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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