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Dear Mr. Van Voorhis:

I am writing to express the support of the National Wildlife Federation for your efforts to grow the GreenTree program and develop a scalable model of land conservation that creates climate benefits and new income streams for private landowners in the South.

The Mississippi Alluvial Valley, where the GreenTrees program is focused, is one of America's crown jewels of biodiversity and wildlife. However, much of this natural legacy has been lost due to mismanagement and neglect. With 80% of its original forests gone, this ecosystem now regularly suffers from extreme flooding, water pollution, hurricane damage, soil erosion, and loss of habitat for once abundant wildlife.

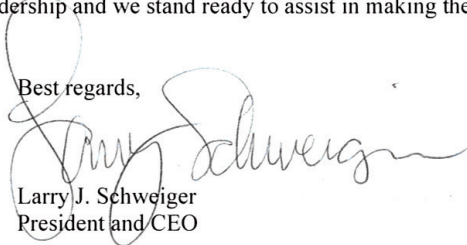
There is an urgent need for models which combine land conservation and restoration with the growing market for carbon storage and sequestration. The launch of the GreenTrees program is one of the most promising models we've seen for accomplishing this.

GreenTrees is a thoughtfully constructed forest carbon program designed to bring rapid reforestation at scale to the region, using a proven technique of inter-planting the Eastern Cottonwood (North America's fastest growing native tree) with native hardwoods to establish functional forests in half the time natural processes would require.

National Wildlife Federation knows that we have to push forward all credible approaches that deal with the twin threats of habitat loss and global warming at a pace much faster than we ever expected. The science is increasingly telling us that we must act now. The creativity that private interests can bring to bear in helping solve these problems is well exemplified by the Green Trees program.

We very much appreciate your leadership and we stand ready to assist in making the program a success.

Best regards,


Larry J. Schweiger
President and CEO

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