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It may seem surprising for the nation's largest conservation organization to be standing up for General Motor's recovery plan. But when you consider that GM's plan is a critical step in confronting global climate change, then our involvement is not only expected, it is required.

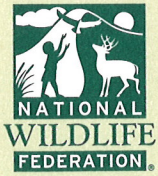
America needs bold and innovative approaches to tackle our economic, energy and climate crises – all inter-related problems. Investments in clean energy, the smart grid and the next generation car battery to power electric vehicles are all part of the solution. GM can play a big role in delivering on that solution. And they deserve the support of the nation.

In its plan, General Motors is making a serious commitment to develop plug-in hybrid and electric cars, and the battery technology that goes into them, that can transform the way our nation captures and stores energy. Electrifying our vehicles does not only cut emissions, it can help open the door to an energy revolution in which the transportation and energy needs of millions of people are delivered more cleanly and efficiently— while cutting the carbon pollution that causes global warming. We must reduce carbon pollution to protect our country's wildlife heritage.

Imagine for a moment: a rapid introduction of plug-in, affordable electric vehicles, together with the smart grid infrastructure to make more efficient and sustainable use of electric transmission. The vehicles are affordable because the battery is leased from your utility company. When you plug in your car at night and during the workday, not only is your battery topped off – the smart grid enables your electric company to use your battery (and millions of others plugged in at the same time) to manage its load, provide enhanced reliability to the grid, and to store intermittent wind energy at night to power our cars and our homes in the morning. Putting renewables and vehicle batteries together helps us move faster to clean vehicles and clean electricity.

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This is not a scenario that is far off into the future – it is within our reach, if we make the right investments, now.

Substantially increasing the electrification of our vehicle fleet is a transformational change, not only for GM and other auto companies, auto workers, suppliers and the manufacturing sector, but for everyone in this country who uses electricity in *any* way.

The next-generation vehicles being developed by GM are one of the bold solutions we need to protect jobs and create new ones while transitioning away from the dirty fossil fuels that cause global warming. Through the huge American auto supply chain -- manufacturing, parts, electronics, research, engineering, software -- next-generation vehicles made here get us green jobs across America.

These new vehicles are the product of Silicon Valley and Detroit. They will increasingly blend entrepreneurial effort and mass production know-how - and that plays to America's strengths.

We need a cap on carbon pollution, both to cut global warming pollution and to better align market forces with a clean energy economy - a position we share with GM. And we need to make investments in companies like GM who will deliver the technologies critical to achieving that clean energy economy.

Sincerely,

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