Please cosponsor the following important wildlife conservation bills:

**CECIL Animal Trophies Act (S. 1918, soon to be introduced in the House)**
- Sponsored by Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ)
- This bill will prohibit the importation of trophies from species that are proposed to be listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- The trophy hunting industry makes a negligible contribution to national incomes and local communities in Africa, and has a negative impact on the survival of vulnerable species. The outrage expressed by the American public over Cecil the lion’s recent death has made it clear that the vast majority of U.S. citizens believe that trophy hunting is not an acceptable way to treat imperiled wildlife.

**Captive Primate Safety Act (H.R. 2920, soon to be introduced in the Senate)**
- Sponsored by Representatives Mike Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
- This bill will prohibit the sale and transport of primates across state lines, curtailing the pet primate trade and ensuring that fewer primates are kept in private homes. It would not impact zoos, circuses, universities, or wildlife sanctuaries.
- The interstate trade in primates threatens public safety and has grave implications for animal welfare. Since 1990, more than 200 people—including dozens of children—have been injured by primates in the U.S. Additionally, primates kept in captivity endure abusive conditions that include small cages and tooth extraction to “tame” them. Primates are easily obtained via the internet and through out-of-state dealers and auctions, making federal legislation necessary to support the efforts of state law enforcement.

**Sanctuary Regulatory Fairness Act (H.R. 3294/S. 1898)**
- Sponsored by Representatives Renee Ellmers (R-NC) and Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
- This bill will allow certified sanctuaries to import captive primates from other countries into the U.S., allowing the Born Free USA Primate Sanctuary and others to rescue primates from horrible conditions around the world.
- At zero cost to the government, it removes an outdated and burdensome regulatory obstacle that prevents sanctuaries from functioning to their fullest extent and excelling in their rightful role as leaders in humane, effective primate care.

**Targeted Use of Sanctions for Killing Elephants and Rhinoceros (TUSKER) Act (H.R. 1945)**
- Sponsored by Representative Peter DeFazio (D-OR)
- This bill will impose trade sanctions on countries that facilitate ivory or rhino horn trafficking. It will require certain nations to work with the U.S. on anti-poaching efforts, or face sanctions if they fail to cooperate.
• It will enhance America’s ability to deter nations from allowing ivory trade to flourish. Illegal trafficking in ivory is directly responsible for shocking declines in elephant populations in recent years. It also helps fund the operations of global criminal syndicates, directly threatening our national security.

Refuge from Cruel Trapping Act (H.R. 2016/S. 1081)

• Sponsored by Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY) and Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ)
• This bill will prohibit body-gripping traps on National Wildlife Refuge System lands, ensuring that these natural spaces remain safe havens for both wildlife and human visitors.
• Wild animals should not be exploited on the only lands in the U.S. set aside specifically for their protection. When the majority of the public visits refuges, they expect to be safe and to have the opportunity to view animals in abundance, without the fear of stepping into a body-gripping trap, or having to witness the pain and suffering of a trapped animal.

Rare Cats and Canids Act (H.R. 2697)

• Sponsored by Representative Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ)
• This bill will create the Rare Cats and Canids fund to provide financial resources to conservation programs in nations within the range of vulnerable wild cat and dog species.
• Wild cats and dogs are in danger. Of the 37 wild felid species worldwide, all but three are currently recognized as species in need of protection. Of the 36 wild canid species worldwide, 20 are recognized as being in need of protection. They face an array of threats, including loss of habitat and natural prey, intentional and unintentional killing by humans, and disease transmission. Reversing the population declines that most of these species face requires coordinated strategy and resources.