

Exhibit A
Federal Legislation to Support

#	Bill Number	Author	Title	Bill Description	Legislative Goal
1	H.Res. 881	Beyer (D-VA)	Commemorating the 50 th Anniversary of the passage of the Endangered Species Act of 1973	The non-binding resolution recognizes the landmark Endangered Species Act passage in 1973 by a vote of 92-0 in the Senate and 355-4 in the House. The resolution also recognizes, as of October 2023, a total of 2,363 species of animals and plants were listed as either endangered or threatened. Additionally, the resolution acknowledges the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found that climate change has caused local species losses, increases in disease and ecosystem restructuring.	Ecosystem Stewardship
2	S. 3416	Durbin (D-IL)	Climate Change Resiliency Fund for America	Senator Durbin's legislation aims to create a program similar to the National War Bond program during World War II to support climate resiliency efforts. The bill would authorize the U.S. Department of Treasury to issue from \$200 million up to \$1 billion in state and local tax-exempt "climate bonds" annually. In addition to issuing bonds to support climate resiliency efforts, the legislation would:	Multi-Benefit

				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use bond proceeds to fund a new “Climate Change Resiliency Fund,” administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, for grants to fund climate change resiliency projects. Eligible grant recipients include federal, state, and local governments; utilities, tribes, transit groups, nonprofits, coalitions, public authorities, or other organizations as determined by the Secretary of Commerce.• Utilize the new Climate Change Resiliency fund to support climate resiliency projects that could include, but are not limited to, infrastructure and planning projects which reduce risks or enhance resilience to sea level rise, extreme weather, wildfires, droughts, flooding and heat islands, as well as projects to protect against food insecurity and public health threats, like vector borne illnesses, that may result from climate change.• Establish a bipartisan Climate Change Advisory Commission to create program requirements and select projects funded through the Climate Change Resiliency Fund. This Commission would be	
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				<p>required to engage in early and meaningful community stakeholder involvement and would give priority to Environmental Justice (EJ) communities, low-income communities and communities of color. Not less than 40 percent of all grant funds would benefit projects in EJ communities. Most projects would require a 25 percent nonfederal match, but this bill would designate 10 to 40 percent of funds for no-match projects, with the Secretary of Commerce retaining the ability to further waive matching requirements for applicants representing low-income or EJ communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authorize up to \$10 million annually for five years to promote the sale of climate bonds.	
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