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[NAME OF MP]
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[INSERT DATE]

Dear [INSERT NAME OF MP],

**Please make the Environment Bill work for nature!**

I am concerned that the Government’s current approach to reforming our environmental laws will leave wildlife worse off and fail to bring about the change we need to restore nature and create a country in which both people and wildlife can thrive. A strong Environment Act is vital if the ambitions of the Government’s 25 Year Environment Plan are to be achieved.

[INSERT PARAGRAPH ABOUT WHAT NATURE AND WILDLIFE MEANS TO YOU.]

I want you to support the Wildlife Trusts’ calls for an Environment Bill that:

1. builds a Nature Recovery Network;
2. sets ambitious targets for restoring wildlife, beautiful landscapes, access to green spaces and resilient ecosystems;
3. establishes strong environmental principles to guide the decision making of government and public bodies, including spending decisions; and
4. creates a strong independent environmental watchdog to protect our environment

A Nature Recovery Network would protect, join up and enhance the fragments of nature that remain, as well as restoring lost habitat. It would identify areas where the greatest benefit for wildlife and people can be achieved and show the advantages of joining up places important for wild plants and animals, allowing them to move from place to place. Such networks would guide decisions on housing and development to ensure they deliver a positive contribution to nature’s recovery and secure the future of the broad benefits that nature provides to people.

I believe we need to act now to reverse the decline in our wildlife. The Environment (Principles and Governance) Bill published in December is not strong enough. In the bill, the environmental principles are not mandatory, there is no requirement for Nature Recovery Networks, the Office for Environmental Protection does not have adequate legal powers to hold government to account and issue fines. There is also no mention of environmental targets. I hope you will take action to improve the bill and improve our natural world.

Please could you contact Rt Hon Michael Gove MP and ask him to include these points in the next draft of the Environment Bill.

I should be grateful if you would reply to my letter and let me know what you will do to support an ambitious Environment Bill to help restore nature in our country.

Yours sincerely

[INSERT NAME]