

Sign on letter in support of the American Prairie Conservation Act

Native grasslands are disappearing at an alarming rate, and grassland birds, monarch butterflies and other species that depend on them are increasingly threatened by the rapid conversion of prairies to cropland. The American Prairie Conservation Act would enact a nationwide “sodsaver” provision to protect native grasslands by reducing taxpayer-funded incentives to convert grasslands to cropland. The 2014 Farm Bill included a sodsaver provision, but it was limited to only six states in the Prairie Pothole Region (IA, MN, MT, NE, ND, SD). This bill would expand sodsaver to make it apply nationwide and strengthen sodsaver by closing loopholes in existing law and requiring better tracking and reporting of grassland conversion. With Congress likely to take up the 2018 Farm Bill as soon as this winter or spring, we need to show that there is broad support for inclusion of a strong nationwide sodsaver provision in the 2018 Farm Bill.

Thank you for your support. Please direct questions to Aviva Glaser from the National Wildlife Federation (glasera@nwf.org) or Kanika Gandhi from the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (kgandhi@sustainableagriculture.net)

Harpeth Conservancy Signed on 12/8/17