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Take action to restore clean water

Water is essential for life — but not just any water. Clean water. Because of the Clean Water Act, almost two-thirds of America's lakes and rivers are safe for recreation, fishing and wildlife, compared to only 36 percent before that law was passed.

However, recent Supreme Court decisions have allowed polluters to strip federal protections from many streams and wetlands, and roll back the progress that's been made. Polluters are taking advantage of confusion created by the Court's rulings. In Washington state alone, Clean Water Act protections could be lost for 54 percent of our streams, jeopardizing safe drinking water sources for nearly 2 million people.

The Clean Water Restoration Act would do exactly what it says: restore protections to our at-risk waters. The U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed a compromise version of this bill. The full Senate and U.S. House now need to take action. Congressman Brian Baird will have great influence on this legislation, as he sits on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Call Baird at 360-695-6292 and urge him to support the Clean Water Restoration Act.

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