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Group calls for bold leadership from Wisconsin lawmakers to save our shared public lands from being sold-off to the highest bidder.

MADISON – As attacks on shared lands nationally and in Wisconsin intensify, Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters has launched a robust defense of our state and national treasures with a radio, print, outdoor, and digital advertising campaign.

The campaign calls Wisconsin lawmakers to account and asks for bold leadership in protecting our shared public lands from being sold-off to the highest bidder.

"Our shared lands not only represent the primary link to the outdoors for hundreds of thousands of Wisconsinites, they also serve as an economic engine without which the state's $12 billion tourism industry would shrivel," said Ryan Billingham, communications director, Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters.

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, a Wisconsinite, appointed Utah congressman Rob Bishop to the House Committee on Natural Resources. Bishop, a known ally of radicals like Cliven and Ammon Bundy, helped craft the most extreme anti-lands platform in Republican Party history.

Rep. Sean Duffy represents a district where, if this national assault on our public lands continues, is most vulnerable. The 7th district includes huge swaths of shared lands Wisconsinites depend on for recreation, hunting and fishing, and economic impact. Huge pieces of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, the Apostle Islands National Shoreline, and the Ice Age National Scenic Trail lie in Duffy's district.

Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner has represented Wisconsin's 5th district since 1980. It includes parts of Milwaukee, Dodge, and Waukesha counties, and all of Washington and Jefferson counties. He serves on the Sub-Committee on the Environment, in the Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

With this campaign, Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters is telling Speaker Ryan, Rep. Duffy, and Rep. Sensenbrenner it is time to stand up for our birthright, protect our shared public lands, and ensure these state and national treasures are preserved forever.

Visit ConservationVoters.org/PublicLands to view the campaign.