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Beavers greatly contribute to our environment and should have protection with this grant program that encourages coexistence. With their dams they create wetlands and provide for a habitat for other wildlife. They also help to reduce greenhouse gases and the dams reduce erosion, improving water quality. To quote the Humane Society of United States: "Few wildlife species profoundly influence the landscape through the processes they set in motion that create and support entire biotic communities. When protections are afforded to beavers, they, in turn, directly increase and enhance wetlands and biological diversity. With a focus on humane, non-lethal conflict resolution and stewardship on the part of landowners, beavers can thrive, create an environment supporting many rare and sensitive plants and animals, restore riparian corridors, and build resilient ecological systems that help combat the effects of climate change." Protecting them with this program is vital--helping beavers, other wildlife, and humans.

Sincerely,

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