



April 17, 2015

Mrs. Michelle Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Obama,

We are writing to thank you for your support of native pollinators through your White House garden project and the gardening guide included in your *Let's Move!* initiative. As university students concerned with wildlife and the environment, we, too, are working to establish habitat for bees and butterflies on our college campuses across the country.

In addition to planting pollinator gardens, we are doing educational outreach in our communities to spread the word about the importance of creating and protecting pollinator habitat, and we emphasize the importance of including milkweed in gardens, as it is the only food source for monarch caterpillars. Our parallel campaign goal is to reduce the use of pesticides on our home gardens, community parks, and golf courses.

We would like to invite you to join our campaign by contributing a letter or a short video in time for the 10th annual Endangered Species Day on May 15th. Your voice will amplify all of ours; we can't think of a better spokesperson for well-being and how to make a positive impact. If you would like to take a stand for pollinator gardens, we would be both grateful and delighted to have you on our team.

Please feel free to contact Amanda Milster, Mid-Atlantic Field Representative with the Endangered Species Coalition, if you have any questions or would like additional information, and certainly if there is any way we can assist you in joining our efforts. She can be reached at (314) 322-1080 or amilster@endangered.org

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