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March 2, 2022

The Honorable Nathan Ballentine
108 Tapp Pointe
Chapin, SC 29036

Dear Representative Ballentine:

We are pleased to inform you that Conservation Voters of South Carolina (CVSC) has endorsed your re-election to the South Carolina House of Representatives from District 71 because of your proven commitment to conservation and protecting our way of life in South Carolina.

Your leadership on clean energy and conservation issues has led to an 89% lifetime score on our conservation scorecard! You have been a consistent voice for protecting the air, land, and water of South Carolina throughout your time in Columbia. From a fierce advocate for low-cost clean energy growth, to supporting wildlife protections and e-waste recycling, to working to ensure our state invests in land protection through the Conservation Bank, you've been a clear conservation champion.

Your tireless efforts on the floor of the House to both introduce and fight for the passage of a critical amendment were a pivotal point in the fight to secure strong financial assurances on the pyrolysis industry – an unproven industry that sought to melt thousands of pounds of plastic each day without the oversight of solid waste regulations. Because of your efforts, South Carolina established critical financial assurance safeguards on this industry that will protect vulnerable communities from environmental harm and taxpayers from footing the bill of another solid waste disaster.

I am proud to count you among our conservation champions and former Green Tie Award winners. For this and more, we want to see you return to Columbia to continue your leadership and work on these important issues.

When the General Assembly convenes for the January 2023 session, citizens of South Carolina will be depending on you to protect the air, land, and water that we all love. We value your willingness to work with us and consider our positions when making decisions on important conservation issues before the House.

You may use our endorsement in your campaign materials as well as on your website and social media pages. Working together, we can provide a clean and healthy South Carolina for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Tynan". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

John Tynan
Executive Director