

It is with pleasure that I write this letter in support of Project Noah, which in turn, supports the critical need to enlarge new wilderness areas in Vermont.

During my life, I have been fortunate enough to have enjoyed the benefits of wilderness areas where the only sights and sounds for a great distance around have been the flora and fauna of that region. These experiences have been spiritually refreshing and very precious for my soul. In our world with its ever-increasing frenetic pace of life, these spaces of quiet rest and refreshment are like an oasis in an arid desert.

In one of the many Eucharistic feasts in the Book of Common Prayer are the words, "We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...". These words call us to recognize our interdependence with God's created order. To ignore them would not only be folly, but also done at our own peril.

Our country has spent years studying the very real concerns and consequences of global warming and deforestation, and while many would have us believe that we can continue to disregard the warning signs mother earth has given us, I believe we have reached a critical time where action designed to protect our world is essential. Preserving the environment with the passage of a Vermont Wilderness Bill is one very substantial way of addressing this issue.

Peace and blessings be with you as you continue your wonderful work of responsible environmental stewardship.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Crane". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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".....That I May Remember The Everlasting Covenant Between God And Every
Living Creature Of All Flesh That Is Upon The Earth." Genesis 9:16