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Testimony on HB 282
House Natural Resources Committee
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Molly Immen and I'm here today representing Montana Audubon in support of House Bill 282.

Because it has been scientifically recognized that carbon dioxide emissions contribute to global warming, Montana Audubon encourages legislation to sequester as much of the state's current emissions as possible. The effects of global warming are devastating to wildlife globally as well as here in Montana. The ice habitat of polar bears, once the size of the continental United States, is melting at a rate of over 23,000 square miles per year. Because they have to swim farther and farther to find food, bears are drowning and their cubs are starving. Locally, Montana wetlands are drying up, particularly in the Northeast region of the state, leading to a significant decline of waterfowl species such as the blue-winged teal and northern pintail.

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