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Dr. Kerry Paul Reese  
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Dear Dr. Reese:

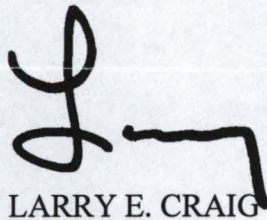
Thank you for contacting me regarding S. 148, the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act. I appreciate your thoughtful comments and words of support for the legislation.

As you may know by now, the Senate approved this bill on April 13, 1999. The House has yet to act on S. 148 or its version of the bill. Last year, the Senate passed a similar bill, but the House failed to act on it before the end of the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress, which adjourned last year. Consequently, the process had to start all over again when the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress convened in January.

S. 148 authorizes up to \$8 million in expenditures per year for the programs it creates. Since it is not law now, and the Fiscal Year 2000 appropriations process is well under way, I doubt it will become law before the process is complete. Should it become law, I will keep your comments about full funding in mind as I work on future funding bills as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Again, thank you for contacting me. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do for you.

Sincerely,



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