

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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**Honorable Dale Hall**  
**Director**  
**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
**1849 C Street, N.W.**  
**Washington, D.C. 20240**

**Dear Mr. Hall:**

**We are writing to request that you extend by an additional 60 days the public comment period on the proposal to remove the West Virginia Northern Flying Squirrel from the list of endangered species. Additional time will give the public the opportunity to review more thoroughly the best available scientific and commercial data, and provide comments.**

**Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to hearing from you on this important West Virginia matter.**

Sincerely,



**Nick J. Rahall, II**  
**Chairman**  
**House Natural Resources Committee**



**Alan B. Mollohan**  
**Chairman**  
**House Commerce, Justice and**  
**Science Appropriations Subcommittee**