



## **Regan calls on Conservative government to restore funding to Environmental Networks**

**October 17, 2011 (Halifax)** - Geoff Regan, MP for Halifax West, is calling on the Conservative government to reverse its decision to slash funding to the Canadian Environmental Network (RECEN).

Without explanation, the federal government informed the RECEN that it would no longer be providing funding to the organization and the 11 provincial and territorial Environmental Networks which fall under its umbrella.

“This is a short-sighted decision that will hurt Canada’s ability to conduct environmental research and carry out protection projects,” said Regan. “And it means that the Nova Scotia Environmental Network will not receive essential core funding.”

The RECEN consists of over 640 organizations from across Canada. The national office was forced to lay off its staff and is fighting to keep the doors open at the national office and 11 regional offices. The RECEN helps to coordinate the efforts of environmental groups, share their expertise with policy makers and support their conservation and education projects.

“Canadians are concerned about environmental sustainability and this decision will be a major setback for national efforts to create a clean and healthy environment,” said the Liberal MP.

“I urge the Conservative government to come to its senses and support this valuable organization so that it can continue to promote environmental sustainability.”

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