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Dear Sir/Madame:

I am writing in response to the notice in the Federal Register about collecting documentation from USFWS related Friends organizations. I believe that it is important for USFWS to uniformly monitor all 501(c)(3) organizations associated with the Refuge System. The Friends' board members are responsible for ensuring that their non-profit complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Those fiduciary actions should be sufficient to provide USFWS with all the information necessary to properly monitor the non-profit's activities. Therefore, the Friends Partnership Agreement should delineate exactly which of the various non-profit's records should be provided to USFWS and providing that information should not be an onerous task for the non-profit organizations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter. It is critical that at this juncture, actions be taken to strengthen the partnership between USFWS and Friends organizations.

Sincerely,

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