

# THE LONG VIEW



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In a year when the Senate refused to consider limits on global warming pollution, and we had to work hard to uphold California's climate law, it is clear that lasting change for the environment does not come quickly, or easily.

This has always been so. Environmental Defense Fund began in 1967 as a small group of scientists determined to ban the hazardous pesticide DDT in the United States. It took five years of building the evidence and presenting our case, but ultimately we ended this serious threat to wildlife and human health.

Winning national action on global warming pollution is taking longer. With the stakes so high, the persistence that always has been an EDF hallmark is more vital than ever. We are defending EPA's authority to fight global warming, continuing our partnerships with companies to reduce pollution and sharpening our focus on businesses that obstruct progress.

Perseverance paid off in other ways this year. The approach we've long advocated to end overfishing has at last taken root. Our years of experience on the Gulf Coast primed us to respond to the BP oil disaster. Decades of work on Western water helped us win new protections for wildlife. And new pollution reductions will build on 40 years of Clean Air Act success.

Great challenges lie ahead for the environment. Thank you for making our work possible.

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