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## Ads in NY show state animals trying to resign

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - A coalition of environmental groups has a new ad campaign urging lawmakers to restore money to the state's Environmental Protection Fund.

The ad features the state's "official" animals - bluebird, snapping turtle, beaver and brook trout - submitting their resignations.

It's sponsored by a broad coalition of groups including the Adirondack Council, Audubon New York, Environmental Advocates, Scenic Hudson and others.

The Environmental Protection Fund was established in 1993 to provide a reliable source of money for projects such as landfill closure, recycling facilities, and open space protection.

Citing an \$8 billion looming budget deficit, Governor Paterson proposes cutting the Environmental Protection fund by about one-third to \$143 million.

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