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GOP should back Endangered Species Act

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One of the most remarkable pieces of legislation in American history just turned 30 years old, and for every celebration of its legacy there has been a condemnation of the same. There's nothing new or surprising that the Endangered Species Act has turned 30 years old. The Endangered Species Act is a landmark piece of legislation that has helped protect many species from extinction. It is a testament to the power of government to protect the natural world. The Endangered Species Act is a landmark piece of legislation that has helped protect many species from extinction. It is a testament to the power of government to protect the natural world.

endangered in the near future) or endangered -- meaning it is in imminent danger of extinction throughout all or part of its range -- it is suffering not from a bad cold but from the equivalent of being struck by lightning, pushed off a tall building, then hit by a car.

The ESA is not an outpatient clinic dispensing antibiotics to children with sore throats but an intensive care unit where all the patients are on death's door when they arrive. Its purpose is to keep them alive by pr