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McCain's Environmental Voice Needed

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Editorial

Thanks to *The Republic's* Linda Valdez for her column Sunday, "McCain must save Endangered Species Act."

The Endangered Species Act is one of America's greatest environmental laws. It has saved the bald eagle, grizzly bear, green sea turtle and many other plants and animals.

California Rep. Richard Pombo and other

political friends of big developers seek to gut the act under the guise of "reform."

Arizona Sen. John McCain's leadership is needed now more than ever. Valdez sums it up best by stating, "I'd like to see the maverick senator from Arizona take a principled, no-compromise stand on safeguarding the environment that would result in Pombo's approach being dumped as unworthy of this nation's tradition of conservation." I agree. -
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