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I regularly donate to various environmental organizations, as it seems to me that a sustainable planet is in the interest of us all. I support streamlining any bureaucracy, but attempts to determine what areas environmental organizations focus their efforts suggests political interference on the most important social concerns of matters such as climate change and loss of species.

The notion that some proportion of every environmental organisation's expenditure should be required to go towards environmental remediation is absurd. Some environmental organisations do remediation work, while others perform different but no less important roles directed at protecting and enhancing the natural environment. To require every group to spend a set proportion of their resources on remediation would limit some organisations abilities to perform their integral specialised roles in protecting and enhancing the environment. Imposing this effective restraint on activity can only be seen as a politically motivated attempt to limit the impact of environmental groups.

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