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Balloon releases should be considered litter, and not permitted to be released into the sky or otherwise abandoned. They are an unrecoverable danger to air and water quality and and hazard to birds, terrestrial, fresh water and marine wildlife, and ecosystems.

I encourage lawmakers to restrict balloons to indoor venues with permits and proper use and disposal instructions provided in the case of outdoor use.

Thank you for your attention to this very important natural resource protection issue.