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Senator Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Joe Manchin
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
306 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin,

The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable is the nation’s premier coalition of outdoor recreation trade associations comprised of 28 members and serving more than 100,000 businesses. The outdoor business community thanks you for your attention to the Recreation Not Red-Tape Act (S. 1967) and Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act (S. 1665), and strongly supports swift passage of these bills. These important pieces of legislation are supported by businesses and nonprofits across the industry and will help ensure the continued growth of this vibrant sector.

Outdoor recreation is a major economic force in America, accounting for 2.2 percent of the economy, supporting 5.2 million jobs - many of them in rural areas - and contributing $778 billion in economic output, surpassing other sectors such as agriculture, utilities, mining, and chemical products manufacturing.

As the popularity and impact of this industry continues to grow, federal agencies need updated tools to provide sustainable and improved access to, and infrastructure on, America's public lands and waters. The Recreation Not Red-Tape Act removes barriers and offers sensible, 21st century proposals for identifying and appropriately managing our unparalleled outdoor recreation assets now and into the future.

The Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act expands access to outdoor experiences by improving outfitter and guide permitting systems. This legislation simplifies processes, increases flexibility in allowed activities, improves fee collection procedures and much more. All these provisions - supported by members of the outdoor industry and conservation community - will positively impact a wide range of organizations that deliver facilitated recreation experiences, including for-profit and non-profit guides and outfitters, university recreation programs and volunteer-based clubs.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to work with you on swift passage of these bills through committee. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure all Americans have access to recreation experiences on their public lands and waters and that all communities benefit from the growing recreation economy.
Sincerely,

America Outdoors Association  
American Trails  
American Horse Council  
American Mountain Guides Association  
American Sportfishing Association  
Archery Trade Association  
Association of Marina Industries  
Boat Owners Association of the United States  
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association  
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas  
Motorcycle Industry Council  
National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds  
National Forest Recreation Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Park Hospitality Association  
National Shooting Sports Foundation  
PeopleForBikes  
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association  
RV Dealers Association  
RV Industry Association  
Snowsports Industries America  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America  
Sports & Fitness Industry Association  
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