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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
The Corps Network