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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Building
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Dear Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo:

On behalf of the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR), we offer our strong support for the nomination of Katherine Tai to be the next United States Trade Representative. We are hopeful that the Senate will confirm Ms. Tai in a timely manner to ensure that our trade policy can move forward with strong leadership.

ORR is the nation's leading coalition of outdoor recreation trade associations – made up of 33 national trade associations — as well as other nonprofit organizations and business entities serving more than 110,000 businesses. According to the most recent data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis released last year, the recreation industry generated \$788 billion in output, accounted for 2.1 percent of GDP, supported 5.2 million jobs and was growing faster than the economy as a whole in every indicator.

The outdoor recreation economy has been impacted by a range of tariffs from the previous administration that impose additional costs on outdoor goods and products. These tariffs range from the Section 301 tariffs on imports from China, Section 232 aluminum and steel tariffs that have increased prices on raw material, the European Union's subsequent retaliatory tariffs on some U.S.-made outdoor products and lapsed tariff relief programs, the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) and Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). During her time on the Hill, Ms. Tai worked closely with the outdoor community to understand the impact multiple tariffs were having on small businesses and their cascading effect on consumers. We are hopeful that Ms. Tai will work with our industry to resolve these issues, improve transparency in the decision making process, ensure a level playing field, and remove unnecessary burdens on the outdoor recreation industry.

As the nomination process continues, we appreciate you considering ORR's support for Ms. Tai. We look forward to working with the Senate Committee on Finance in the 117th Congress on important issues for outdoor recreation and the outdoor recreation economy.

Sincerely,

American Sportfishing Association
Archery Trade Association

Association of Marina Industries
Boat Owners Association of the United States
CHM Government Services
Diving Equipment and Marketing Association
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas
National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National RV Dealers Association
Outdoor Industry Association
PeopleForBikes
Professional TrailBuilders Association
RV Industry Association
Snowsports Industries America
Specialty Equipment Market Association
Sports and Fitness Industry Association