



May 16, 2023

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
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Chair Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso,

The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable Association – on behalf of the 48 outdoor recreation trade associations, businesses, and state Offices of Outdoor Recreation we represent – writes to thank you for your leadership on the America’s Outdoor Recreation Act. This historic legislation would revolutionize the \$862 billion outdoor recreation economy and pave the way for its continued growth. We urge the full Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to pass this vital legislation that will be a strong win for our public lands, access to the outdoors, and the economy.

This bipartisan, bicameral legislative package would truly transform the way Americans access and enjoy their public lands and waters by streamlining permitting processes to ease burdens on outfitters and guides; improving access to recreational opportunities; ensuring access to green spaces in underserved communities; developing, improving, and completing long-range trails; investing in rural communities; and so much more. All of this would be accomplished at no additional cost to the taxpayer. And this bill is well-timed: the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reported that the outdoor recreation economy grew three times faster than the U.S. economy from 2020 to 2021.

We strongly support advancing this comprehensive piece of legislation that appropriately meets the growing demand for access to the outdoors while also protecting public lands and waters for future use. This bill is the result of hard work by you, your staff, and stakeholders that has spanned many years. The support from the industry and conservation community, as well as both sides of the political aisle, highlight the importance of this bill. The members of the outdoor recreation economy look forward to working with you and your staffs on this legislation that could be a win-win for businesses, conservation, rural communities, and the economy.

Sincerely,

America Outdoors
American Horse Council



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American Sportfishing Association
Archery Trade Association
CHM Government Services
Diving Equipment and Marketing Association
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association
Motorcycle Industry Council
National Association of RV Dealers
National Forest Recreation Association
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Park Hospitality Association
National Ski Areas Association
National Wild Turkey Federation
Outdoor Industry Association
PeopleForBikes
Professional TrailBuilders Association
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
REI Co-op
RV Industry Association
Snowsports Industries America
Specialty Equipment Market Association
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America
The Corps Network
VF Corporation