



The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Chair
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science
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The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science
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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science
S-128 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Rogers, Chair Shaheen, Ranking Member Cartwright, and Ranking Member Murkowski:

On behalf of the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR), I would respectfully request that you include continued funding for the Bureau of Economic Analysis' (BEA) Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account (ORSA) within the Fiscal Year 2025 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. Funding for this vital account should be at or above the existing level of funding signed into law for Fiscal Year 2024.

ORR is the nation's leading coalition of outdoor recreation associations representing the more than 110,000 outdoor businesses in the recreation economy and the full spectrum of outdoor-related activities. The most recent data from the BEA shows that outdoor recreation generated \$1.1 trillion and 5 million American jobs in 2022, comprising 2.2% of the nation's economy and 3.2% of all employees in the country.

ORSA was initially created by the bipartisan Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-249) and has since provided important data for the outdoor recreation sector that continues to help drive the U.S. economy. Since 2017, ORSA has helped our industry, the communities we serve, and our government partners at all levels to understand the impact outdoor recreation has throughout the country. The addition of analysis by state has added a level of detail that has been helpful to states better understanding the role outdoor recreation plays in their own economies – over 30 of which have established their own Office of Outdoor Recreation.

We continue to appreciate the strong bipartisan support for this funding. While the annual investment for ORSA is relatively small, the impact of this data is significant. We look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure that the BEA's Outdoor Recreation Satellite account is funded at current levels or higher in Fiscal Year 2025.

Sincerely,

Jessica Turner

President