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The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Chairman  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jared Huffman  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
1332 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman:

On behalf of the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR) and our members spanning the entire \$1.3 trillion outdoor recreation economy, we are writing in strong support of the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) 250 and to thank you for your leadership in advancing this important legislation. GAOA 250 represents a critical opportunity to invest in America's public lands and waters- one of our greatest legacies to leave for future generations. This historic legislation will improve access and infrastructure across our public lands and waters, elevate and modernize visitor experience, and create more outdoor recreation opportunities for everyone. We thank you for your attention to this critical driver of thousands of American businesses and we urge your colleagues to pass this legislation swiftly to reaffirm the nation's commitment to conservation, outdoor recreation, and the economic and cultural vitality of public lands and waters.

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis shows that outdoor recreation is a [\\$1.3 trillion economic powerhouse, supporting 5.2 million jobs](#) and creating thriving economies and jobs in every state. Recreation on federal lands and water alone added [\\$351 million to the U.S. economy every day](#). Business certainty and strategic, sustained access and infrastructure investment—particularly on the public lands and waters that underpin the entire outdoor economy—is critical to maintaining momentum and ensuring long-term resilience for communities across the country and health of all Americans.

The Great American Outdoors Act 250 provides meaningful reforms to the Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF) that will ensure a transparent process around project selection and encourage innovative public-private partnerships. Importantly, your bill supports a recreation pilot program for projects that improve outdoor recreation and sportsmen's access and infrastructure. This tool will be critical to enhancing recreational opportunities and improve wildlife habitat, while also generating revenue for the agencies and preventing additional maintenance backlog. The investments made through this legislation will help connect Americans to our shared resources and provide visitors with an unparalleled experience for the next 250 years.

As America prepares to celebrate its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there is no better way to honor the legacy of our country than through the iconic landscapes and waterways that millions of people experience every year. Campgrounds, marinas, and boat launches are the front doors to public lands and waters bringing in revenue and encouraging workers to relocate and visitors to stay in

rural communities. Modern, accessible infrastructure sustains recreation tourism, supports boats and RVs made in America, and preserves iconic American traditions tied to adventure, exploration, better health, and community.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to recommit to the landscapes and waterways that define our national character. The Great American Outdoors Act 250 is a fitting tribute to the places Americans enjoy outdoor recreation, while providing vital investments to ensure these opportunities continue for generations to come.

We thank you again for your leadership and look forward to working with you and your staff to pass the Great American Outdoors Act 250.

Sincerely,

**Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR)**

America Outdoors Association

American Horse Council

American Mountain Guides Association

American Sportfishing Association

Archery Trade Association

Association of Marina Industries

Booz Allen Hamilton

Conservation Legacy

International Mountain Bicycling Association

International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA)

Maine Outdoor Brands

Marine Retailers Association of the Americas

Members of the House Natural Resources Committee

Motorcycle Industry Council

National Forest Recreation Association

National Marine Manufacturers Association

National Park Hospitality Association

National Ski Areas Association

Off-Road Business Association (ORBA)

OHI (Outdoor Hospitality Industry)

Outdoor Industry Association

Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR)

PeopleForBikes

Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association

RV Dealers Association

RV Industry Association

Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA)