

February 20, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

As hunting, fishing, wildlife conservation, and outdoor-recreation-based organizations, we are writing to encourage your support for timely House floor consideration of the bipartisan public lands package that was recently passed by the Senate by a vote of 92-8. The momentum and support for this package is widespread across a variety of public lands stakeholders, and urgent consideration of the package in the House is well warranted.

The comprehensive public lands package is the product of years' worth of work and negotiations by the bicameral authorizing committees. It is thoroughly bipartisan in nature and broad in scope, and passage of this package would be a historical step forward for public lands and conservation.

The legislation is comprised of more than 100 locally and regionally specific public-land bills, wildlife conservation program reauthorizations, and provisions that would benefit American sportsmen and women, including the permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and provisions to improve access for the outdoor recreation community.

We urge the House to pass this landmark legislative package so that future generations of Americans can enjoy our public lands, waterways, and the wildlife that inhabit them for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration, and we appreciate your continued leadership on behalf of our community.

Sincerely,

- American Fly Fishing Trade Association
- American Sportfishing Association
- American Woodcock Society
- Angler Action Foundation
- Archery Trade Association
- Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
- Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.)
- Bear Trust International

- Bonefish & Tarpon Trust
- Boone & Crockett Club
- California Waterfowl Association
- Camp Fire Club of America
- Catch-A-Dream Foundation
- Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
- Conservation Force
- Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports
- Delta Waterfowl
- Ducks Unlimited
- Fly Fishers International
- Houston Safari Club
- Izaak Walton League of America
- Land Trust Alliance
- National Deer Alliance
- National Marine Manufacturers Association
- National Shooting Sports Foundation
- National Wildlife Federation
- North American Falconers Association
- North American Grouse Partnership
- Orion: The Hunter's Institute
- Outdoor Industry Association
- Outdoor Recreation Roundtable
- Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever
- Pope & Young Club
- Professional Outfitters and Guides of America
- Public Lands Foundation
- Quality Deer Management Association
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Ruffed Grouse Society
- Sportsmen's Alliance

- Texas Wildlife Association
- The Nature Conservancy
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Trust for Public Land
- Whitetails Unlimited
- Wildlife Forever
- Wildlife Management Institute
- Wild Sheep Foundation