



December 5, 2022

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Minority Leader McCarthy,

Our coalition of diverse organizations, businesses, professional societies, state fish and wildlife agencies, and tribal nations collectively represent millions of Americans. We are writing to respectfully **request your support for passage of the *Recovering America's Wildlife Act (H.R.2773/S.2372) this year, including as part of a funding package.*** This bill was introduced by Sens. Heinrich (D-NM) and Blunt (R-MO) and Congresswoman Dingell (D-MI) respectively in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress. Recent public polling demonstrates that more than 70 percent of Americans support this bill and less than 5 percent oppose.

The *Recovering America's Wildlife Act* would immediately address the biodiversity crisis by helping to recover and conserve species at risk by investing \$1.3 billion annually for states and territories and \$97.5 million for tribal nations for on-the-ground conservation projects. The legislation funds the implementation of congressionally mandated State Wildlife Action Plans, which outline specific, science-based conservation actions necessary to recover and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations. Similarly, tribal nations will be able to expand successful conservation efforts on their lands, which provide vital habitat for hundreds of fish and wildlife species, including more than 500 species that are listed as threatened or endangered. It also will support much needed investments in continued economic growth and job creation in tribal communities. The *Recovering America's Wildlife Act* would be the only federal conservation program that provides sustained funding to tribal nations and state fish and wildlife agencies for the proactive conservation of at-risk species.

One-third of the fish and wildlife species in the United States are at risk of becoming threatened or endangered. The challenges facing our nation's fish and wildlife are daunting, but this legislation provides a solution. The *Recovering America's Wildlife Act* will provide state and territorial fish and wildlife agencies and tribal fish and wildlife managers with dependable, dedicated resources to address more than 12,000 species in need of proactive, voluntary conservation before a listing as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act is warranted.

This legislation represents a smart, future focused investment that will also strengthen the economy and create a significant number of jobs that help grow the \$862 billion outdoor economy and bring support to key sectors such as agriculture and forestry – all while supporting the conservation of America’s fish, wildlife, and the habitats they depend on. This common-sense, fiscally responsible solution passed the House of Representatives with a bipartisan vote in June and has 42 bipartisan Senate cosponsors and was passed out of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works with a bipartisan vote in April. Now is the time to pass this widely supported transformational legislation.

Taking measures to conserve species before they are on the brink of extinction and ensuring healthy populations will help save taxpayer dollars and prevent these species from needing costly “emergency room” measures under the Endangered Species Act – truly an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Rather than defaulting to regulation and litigation, this bill saves America’s imperiled wildlife through collaborative and constructive voluntary partnerships. This collaborative approach to conservation is good for wildlife, good for taxpayers, good for landowners, good for business and good for America. Further, this bill builds on the successful restoration track records of state fish and wildlife agencies which for more than eight decades have successfully managed game species.

Congress passed the Pittman-Robertson Act in 1937 and the Dingell-Johnson Act in 1950 to restore iconic game species such as deer, elk, striped bass, and wild turkey. Passage of the *Recovering America’s Wildlife Act* would complete the safety net so state fish and wildlife agencies and tribes have resources to conserve all fish and wildlife species. This Congress can join the legacy of the 75<sup>th</sup> and 81<sup>st</sup> Congress’s to ensure our nation’s rich fish and wildlife legacy is sustained for future generations.

Over 100 million Americans participate in some form of wildlife recreation. Increasingly, Americans from all walks of life have turned to the outdoors and nature to improve physical and mental well-being. Creating thousands of jobs immediately, restoring natural resources infrastructure, increasing access to the outdoors, and reducing long-term costs through enactment of the *Recovering America’s Wildlife Act* will unify Americans and elected officials that represent diverse constituencies.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to support passage of the *Recovering America’s Wildlife Act* this year. We thank you for your support of America’s fish and wildlife and look forward to working with you to enact this groundbreaking legislation.

Sincerely,

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Arkansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
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Bass Pro Shops  
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Carlow University  
Carmichael Wildlife Consulting, LLC  
Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens  
Central Iowa Beekeeping Association  
Central PA Conservancy  
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Chesapeake Conservancy  
Chester Conservation Commission  
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Coastal Prairie Conservancy  
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Connecticut Council, Trout Unlimited  
Connecticut Falconers Association  
Connecticut Fly Fishing Association

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Connecticut Land Conservation Council  
Connecticut League of Conservation Voters  
Connecticut Ornithological Association  
Connecticut River Conservancy  
Connecticut River Salmon Association  
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Delmarva Birding Weekends  
Delta Waterfowl  
Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources,  
American Samoa  
Des Moines County Conservation  
Desert Botanical Garden  
Design Methodworks  
Detroit Zoological Society  
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Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge  
Friends of the Rio Bosque  
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Geauga Park District  
Georgia Audubon  
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Conservation  
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Conservation (PA, DCNR)  
Governor's Youth Council for Hunting, Fishing, and  
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Grand Valley State University  
Grand Valley State University, Dept. of Biology  
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Universalist Society of Marietta, Ohio  
Green State Solutions  
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Gulf Coast Bird Observatory  
Harris Center for Conservation Education  
Hawaii Coral Reef Initiative  
Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources-  
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Hawk Migration Association of North America  
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HawkWatch International, Inc.  
Haystack Rock Awareness Program, City of Cannon  
Beach  
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Integrated Health Partners  
International Hunter Education Association-USA

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Lake Erie Islands Conservancy  
Lehigh Valley Zoo  
Lincoln Park Zoo  
Litchfield Hills Audubon Society  
Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative  
Louisville Zoo  
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Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Wildlife, Fish and Recreation  
Dept  
Maine Audubon  
Maine Outdoors  
Maine Professional Guides Association  
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Survey  
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas  
Maryland-Delaware Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Mary's Attic Treasures  
Mass Audubon

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Menunkatuck Audubon Society  
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Michigan United Conservation Clubs  
Midwest Biodiversity Institute  
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Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council  
Missouri Breaks Audubon  
Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
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Montana Wildlife Federation  
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National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium  
National Resources Conservation Academy  
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Native American Fish and Wildlife Society  
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NatureServe  
Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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New England Chapter, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers  
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services  
New Hampshire Rivers Council  
New Mexico Chapter of the Wildlife Society  
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NH Audubon  
NH LAKES  
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North American Falconry Association  
North American Invasive Species Management Association  
North Carolina American Fisheries Society  
North Carolina Aquarium Society, Inc.  
North Carolina Bat Working Group  
North Carolina Wildlife Federation  
North Central Division, American Fisheries Society  
North Dakota Natural Resources Trust  
North Shore Audubon Society  
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Northwestern Connecticut Sportsmen's Association Inc.  
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Ohio Bird Sanctuary  
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
Ohio Conservation Federation  
Ohio State University  
Ohio Wetlands  
Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association  
Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden  
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Oregon Natural Desert Association  
Oregon Wild  
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Oregon Zoo  
Orono Land Trust  
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PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs  
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Pennsylvania Biological Survey  
Pennsylvania Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers  
  
Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
Pennsylvania Chapter of the Wildlife Society  
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Salem Audubon Society  
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San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance  
San Marcos River Foundation  
Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo  
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Save the Sound, Inc.  
Schorr Biologics Consulting  
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Shedd Aquarium  
Shell  
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Sol Music & Media, LLC DBA Top Secret Songwriter  
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Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership  
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Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire  
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Southern Conservation Partners, Inc.  
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SRWA  
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Starfish Collaborative  
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Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Texas Conservation Alliance  
Texas Land Trust Council  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept  
The Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Fairfield  
The Connecticut Surfcasters Association  
The Connecticut Audubon Society  
The Conservation Angler  
The Conservation Fund  
The Florida Aquarium  
The Frontera Land Alliance  
The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens  
The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk  
The Marvelwood School  
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The Nature Conservancy, Texas Chapter  
The Pew Charitable Trusts  
The Sound School Marine Resources Directed  
Laboratory  
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The Virginia Aquarium Foundation  
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Trust for Public Land  
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Virginia Zoo  
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Washington Wildlife Federation  
Watertown Land Trust Inc.  
WaterWatch of Oregon  
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Weed Science Society of America  
West Virginia Division, Izaak Walton League of  
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West Virginia Rivers Coalition  
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Western Pennsylvania Conservancy  
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White River Marine Group  
Wild Bird Feeding Institute  
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Wildlife Habitat Council  
Wildlife Leadership Academy  
Wildlife Management Institute  
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Wisconsin Coalition for RAWA  
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