

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
Chairwoman
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture,
Nutrition & Forestry

The Honorable John Boozman
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture,
Nutrition & Forestry

The Honorable Glenn "GT" Thompson
Chairman
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on
Agriculture

The Honorable David Scott
Ranking Member
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on
Agriculture

January 30, 2023

RE: 2023 Farm Bill Development

Dear Chairwoman Stabenow, Ranking Member Boozman, Chairman Thompson, and Ranking Member Scott:

The undersigned organizations, representing millions of hunters, anglers, wildlife professionals, and outdoor enthusiasts are writing to express our priorities in the development of the 2023 Farm Bill. As you know, the programs supported through the Farm Bill's conservation title represent the largest federal investment in voluntary private land conservation efforts and present several opportunities. By providing private landowners the incentives and tools they need to conserve valuable timberlands, wetlands, grasslands and other habitat values on their lands, we can achieve beneficial results for producers, fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, rural economies, and nationwide climate goals. Conservation is part of the ecological and economic safety net in rural America and the Farm Bill provides tools to address natural resource issues, while concurrently maximizing crop production. In short:

- We remain committed to enhancing, restoring, and conserving our natural resources on private lands to provide broad ecosystem services, including providing fish and wildlife habitat, improving water quality and quantity, and promoting landscape resilience.
- We support efficient and effective, voluntary programs that deliver results for farmers, ranchers, timberland owners, and American taxpayers.
- We support robust funding for the conservation and forestry titles of this legislation and urge you to work collaboratively to ensure there is no lapse in programmatic authorization and implementation.

Our organizations have unique scientific and policy expertise and stand ready to help ensure the interests of fish and wildlife are represented in crafting the forthcoming 2023 Farm Bill. We look forward to assisting you and your staff in the detailed development of this critical legislation that will guide private land management nationwide for the next five years.

Sincerely,

American Woodcock Society
Archery Trade Association
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Bear Trust International
Boone and Crockett Club
California Waterfowl
Camp Fire Club of America
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
Conservation Force
Ducks Unlimited
Delta Waterfowl
Houston Safari Club
Izaak Walton League of America
Mule Deer Foundation
National Association of Forest Service Retirees
National Bobwhite & Grassland Initiative
National Deer Association
National Shooting Sports Foundation
National Wildlife Federation
National Wild Turkey Federation
North American Falconers Association
North American Grouse Partnership
Orion: The Hunter's Institute
Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever
Resource Management Service, LLC
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Ruffed Grouse Society
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
The Conservation Fund
The Wildlife Society
Texas Wildlife Association
Whitetails Unlimited
Wildlife Forever
Wildlife Mississippi

CC:

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer
Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy
House Majority Leader Steve Scalise
House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries