



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 117th 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 75th and 81st 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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Allamakee County Protectors ~ Education Campaign
American Eagle Foundation
American Fisheries Society
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Bear-Paw Regional Greenways
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Big Thicket Natural Heritage Trust
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Delaware Audubon
Delaware County Bird Club
Delaware Highlands Conservancy
Delaware Ornithological Society
Delmarva Birding Weekends
Delta Waterfowl
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American Samoa
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Division of Aquatic Resources, State of Hawaii
Ducks Unlimited
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Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
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 Universalist Society of Marietta, Ohio
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 GRLA
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 Division of Forestry and Wildlife
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 Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association
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 Heart of the Lakes
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 Hill Country Conservancy`
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 Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative
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 Maine Outdoors
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 Survey
 Marine Retailers Association of the Americas
 Maryland-Delaware Chapter of The Wildlife Society
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Michigan Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Michigan United Conservation Clubs
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Milton NH Conservation Commission
Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council
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Montana Wildlife Federation
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National Aquarium
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National Estuarine Research Reserve Association
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National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium
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National Wild Turkey Federation
National Wildlife Federation
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Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife
Nebraska Chapter of The Wildlife Society
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Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
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Oregon Natural Desert Association
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Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Pennsylvania Chapter of the Wildlife Society
Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists
Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs
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Tennessee Wildlife Federation
Texas Agricultural Land Trust
Texas Alliance for America's Fish and Wildlife
Texas Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
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
The Nature Conservancy
The Nature Conservancy, Texas Chapter
The Pew Charitable Trusts
The Sound School Marine Resources Directed
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The Sportsman's Financial Advisors
The Valley Land Fund
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Virginia Society of Ornithology
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West Virginia Rivers Coalition
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Western Division of the American Fisheries Society
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White River Marine Group
Wild Bird Feeding Institute
Wildlands Network
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