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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
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Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy,

On behalf of the outdoor recreation economy, the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable Association – along with the 35 national associations and more than 140 local associations and small businesses from across the country who have signed this letter – would like to express our strong support for the America’s Outdoor Recreation Act (S.3266) and urge its passage through both the Senate and the House of Representatives either as part of the National Defense Authorization Act or other legislative package before the end of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress. This bipartisan, commonsense legislation would appropriately meet the growing demand for access to the outdoors while also protecting public lands and waters for future use at no additional cost to taxpayers. We believe the America’s Outdoor Recreation Act will improve experiences on public lands and waters, advance conservation efforts, and continue to grow the outdoor recreation economy, especially in rural communities.

The America’s Outdoor Recreation Act unanimously passed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee earlier this year and is awaiting a full Senate vote. It includes important initiatives, including comprehensive permit streamlining, better mechanisms to improve campgrounds, investments in broadband infrastructure, authorities to work with rural communities to help grow local economies, and approaches to gather better visitation data at a time of unprecedented visitor demand. This legislation helps modernize outdoor recreation infrastructure, manage already conserved lands and waters to support businesses recovering from COVID-19 and now impacted by wildfires and drought, ensure better access to the outdoors for all Americans, mitigate the impacts of ever-increasing visitation in some areas, and create jobs by supporting rural economies, communities, and quality of life.

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the outdoor recreation industry generated \$689 billion in economic output, accounted for 1.8 percent of GDP, and supported 4.3 million American jobs in 2020, and was also growing faster than the economy in every indicator prior to the pandemic. New data on the size and impact of this industry will be released by BEA



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November 9<sup>th</sup>, and we believe it will show the largest year ever for our industry, reflecting Americans' renewed desire to recreate outdoors. To ensure this vital sector continues to grow and support communities, economies, jobs, and more, the outdoor recreation community asks you to **advance the America's Outdoor Recreation Act of 2022 before this Congress ends.**

This transformative legislation could be a win-win for businesses, conservation, and Democrats and Republicans alike, and we look forward to working with you and your staffs on it.

Sincerely,

**National Organizations**

Access Fund  
America Outdoors Association  
American Alpine Club  
American Horse Council  
American Mountain Guides Association  
American Sportfishing Association  
American Trails  
Archery Trade Association  
Backcountry Hunters and Anglers  
Boat Owners Association of the United States  
CHM Government Services  
Diving Equipment and Marketing Association  
International Mountain Biking Association  
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association  
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas  
Motorcycle Industry Council  
National Deer Association  
National Forest Recreation Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National RV Dealers Association  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
Orion, the Hunter's Institute  
Outdoor Industry Association  
PeopleForBikes  
Professional TrailBuilders Association  
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association  
REI Co-op  
RV Industry Association  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America



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Surfrider Foundation  
The Corps Network  
The Mountaineers  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
Winter Wildlands Alliance

**State/Local Organizations**

Blue Ridge Off-Road Cyclists  
Colorado Mountain Bike Association  
Mountain Bike the Tetons  
New England Mountain Bike Association - Midcoast Maine Chapter & Sidecountry Trails  
Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association  
Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition  
Southern Nevada Mountain Biking Association

Clifford Agocs - Timberline Mountain Guides  
Anna Alewine - Pisgah Climbing School  
Mark Allen - Mountain Bureau  
Ben Ammon - Irwin Guides, Aspen Expeditions, RMI Expeditions, Pro Guiding Service  
Elias de Andres-Martos - San Juan Mountain Guides, Mountain Trip  
Kristin Arnold - Moxie Mountain Guides  
John Barkhausen - Kaf Adventures, Mountain Madness  
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Kurt Blair - San Juan Mountain Guides  
Zebulon Blais - Blackbird Mountain Guides  
Miles Britton - Timberline Mountain Guides  
Christopher Brown - Certified Guides Co-op, Backcountry Pros, Red River Adventures  
Jordan Cargill - Mountain Shadow Adventures  
Christian Chilcott - Professional Mountain Guides, Backcountry Adventure Guides  
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Joshua Cole - North Cascades Mountain Guides  
Taggart Cole - Mountain Madness, Montana Alpine Guides  
John Collis - Alpine Ascents International, Moab Cliffs and Canyons  
Rob Coppelillo - Vetta Mountain Guides  
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Alaska Mountaineering School, Valdez Heli Ski Guides, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort  
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