

February 1, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
S-230, Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
S-221, Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

As hunting, fishing, wildlife conservation, and outdoor-recreation-based organizations, we are writing to encourage your support for timely Senate floor consideration of the bipartisan and bicameral public lands package that was negotiated in the final days of the 115th Congress. The momentum and support for this package remains widespread across a variety of public lands stakeholders, and urgent consideration of the package in the new Congress is well warranted.

The comprehensive public lands package is the product of years' worth of work and negotiations by the 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.

The package has been formally introduced as S.47 in the 116th Senate by champions Senator Lisa Murkowski and Senator Maria Cantwell, with a leadership pledge for Senate floor time in the near future.

We urge you 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
- Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
- Conservation Force
- Council to Advance Hunting and 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
- Orion: The Hunter's Institute
- Outdoor Industry Association
- Outdoor Recreation Roundtable
- Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever
- Pope & Young Club
- 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