

June 3, 2026

The Honorable John Boozman  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,  
and Forestry  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,  
and Forestry  
United States Senate  
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Dear Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar,

As the Senate prepares to consider the 2026 Farm Bill, the undersigned organizations write in strong support of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year, CRP remains one of USDA's flagship voluntary conservation programs, delivering significant benefits for farmers, ranchers, wildlife, soil health, and water quality. The Senate has an opportunity to ensure that the 2026 Farm Bill provides needed investment in and updates to CRP.

Since the program's inception in 1985, CRP has served as a critical part of the farm safety net, helping producers and landowners manage risk, generate on-farm income, provide forage during extreme drought, and conserve environmentally sensitive lands. The program also restores wildlife habitat for a broad array of wildlife species, improves soil and water quality, and supports the \$1.3 trillion outdoor recreation economy.

Despite CRP's proven success and continued popularity, the program has been operating under short-term extensions since 2023 and has not received meaningful policy updates or new investments since the 2018 Farm Bill.

Thanks to Congress, there have been historic investments made in all other major farm bill conservation programs, with the exception of CRP. The Senate now has an opportunity to make sure CRP is not left behind by increasing resources in the farm bill's conservation title to provide needed investment in and improvements to CRP.

We appreciate your continued leadership on agriculture conservation and your work to advance a bipartisan Farm Bill. We look forward to working with you to strengthen the Conservation Reserve Program so it remains a valuable and effective option for farmers, ranchers, and sportsmen and women for the next 40 years, and beyond.

Sincerely,

American Bird Conservancy  
American Fisheries Society  
American Fly Fishing Trade Association  
American Sportfishing Association

American Woodcock Society  
Archery Trade Association  
Arkansas Wildlife Federation  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
Association of Northwest Steelheaders  
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers  
Bird Conservancy of the Rockies  
Boone and Crockett Club  
California Waterfowl Association  
Colorado Wildlife Federation  
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation  
Conservation Northwest  
Delta Waterfowl  
Fly Fishers International  
Georgia Wildlife Federation  
Iowa Wildlife Federation  
Izaak Walton League of America  
Kentucky Waterways Alliance  
Minnesota Wildlife Federation  
Montana Wildlife Federation  
Mule Deer Foundation  
National Audubon Society  
National Bobwhite & Grassland Initiative Foundation  
National Deer Association  
National Shooting Sports Foundation  
National Trappers Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
New York State Conservation Council  
North American Falconers Association  
North American Grouse Partnership  
North Dakota Wildlife Federation  
Pheasants Forever  
Quail Forever  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
Ruffed Grouse Society  
Safari Club International  
South Dakota Wildlife Federation  
Sportsmen's Alliance  
The Nature Conservancy  
The Wildlife Society  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
Western Landowners Alliance

Whitetails Unlimited

Wild Sheep Foundation

Wildlife Forever

World Wildlife Fund

Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation