

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Chairman  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
Washington, D.C. 20515

July 1, 2026

Dear Chairman Westerman,

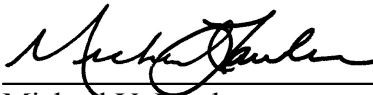
We are writing as strong supporters of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), our nation's most successful conservation and recreation program, which continues to advance crucial projects that protect our land, water, wildlife, and way of life in every state and nearly every county across the country as it has for over 60 years. Thank you for your leadership in developing legislation to reauthorize the Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF) that does not change or amend LWCF in any way. We ask that you work with us to ensure LWCF's ongoing success for all Americans, for critical public recreation access, and for the outdoor economy by rejecting any effort to amend LWCF in the context of legislation pending before the Committee on Natural Resources.

In 2020, thanks to the President's leadership, your support, and strong bipartisanship, Congress passed the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) to permanently fund LWCF, finally fulfilling a 60-year promise by ensuring that the \$900 million deposited from offshore oil and gas receipts into LWCF annually will be used for its intended conservation and outdoor recreation purposes, just as Congress had reaffirmed in the 2019 John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act. These landmark bills were supported by an overwhelming bipartisan majority in the House and signed into law by President Trump.

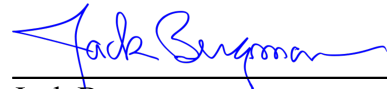
As you know, LWCF is a foundational conservation and recreation commitment that works extremely well as authorized to support our public lands and local economies, and the commitments we made to LWCF in GAOA and the Dingell Act are settled law. We appreciate that this vital program now allocates the full \$900 million in annual LWCF funding guaranteed by statute to the suite of 10 authorized LWCF federal, state, and local conservation subprograms. In that context, we appreciate your efforts in the recent bipartisan legislation on America's Legacy Restoration Fund, and urge you to ensure that LWCF is not amended as the Committee moves forward with consideration of this and any other legislation, so that LWCF's dedicated funds continue to address conservation and outdoor recreation access needs, including for sportsmen's access.

We are committed to protecting LWCF funding and appreciate your leadership and attention to this issue.

Sincerely,



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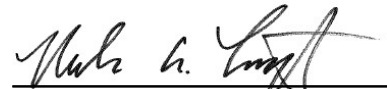
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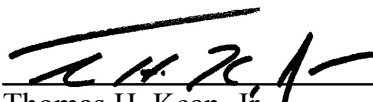
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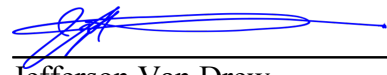
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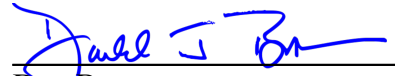


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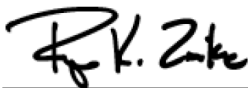
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