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Representative Debra Haaland  
Chair, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands  
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources  
1237 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Representative John Curtis  
Deputy Republican Leader, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands  
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources  
125 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Haaland and Deputy Leader Curtis:

The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable is the nation's premier coalition of outdoor recreation trade associations comprised of 28 members and representing more than 50,000 businesses. The outdoor business community thanks you for your introduction of, and leadership on, the *Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act (H.R. 3879)*. We strongly support quick passage of this bill. Your important legislation is supported by businesses and nonprofits across the industry and will help ensure the continued growth of this vibrant sector.

Outdoor recreation is a major economic force in America, accounting for 2.2 percent of the economy, supporting 4.5 million jobs - many of them in rural areas - and contributing \$734 billion in economic output, surpassing other sectors such as agriculture, petroleum, coal, and computer and electronic products.

The *Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act* expands access to outdoor experiences by improving outfitter and guide permitting systems. This legislation simplifies processes, increases flexibility in allowed activities, improves fee collection procedures and much more. All these provisions - supported by members of the outdoor industry and conservation community - will positively impact a wide range of organizations that deliver facilitated recreation experiences, including for-profit and non-profit guides and outfitters, university recreation programs and volunteer-based clubs.

Thank you for your leadership and we hope to partner with you on swift passage of this bill through committee. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure all Americans have access to recreation experiences on their public lands and waters and that all communities benefit from the growing recreation economy.

Sincerely,

America Outdoors Association  
American Horse Council  
American Mountain Guides Association  
American Sportfishing Association  
Archery Trade Association



Association of Marina Industries  
Boat Owners Association of the United States  
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association  
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas  
Motorcycle Industry Council  
National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Park Hospitality Association  
National Shooting Sports Foundation  
PeopleForBikes  
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association  
RV Dealers Association  
RV Industry Association  
Snowsports Industries America  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America  
Sports & Fitness Industry Association  
The Corps Network