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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC

The Honorable Raul Grijalva
Ranking Member
House Committee on Natural Resources
1332 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Grijalva:

On behalf of PeopleForBikes, I wanted to express our strong support for the EXPLORE Act. Bicycling continues to be an important part of the outdoor experience and the outdoor recreation economy. PeopleForBikes' overall mission is to make America the best place in the world to ride a bike by advancing good policy, safe products, improved infrastructure, wider participation and rider education. The EXPLORE Act will help advance that mission by increasing access to bicycling, especially on our public lands. I would strongly encourage the House Natural Resources Committee and the House of Representatives to pass this legislation.

The PeopleForBikes Coalition is the sole trade association for U.S. manufacturers, suppliers and distributors of bicycle products, including electric bicycles. Our 335 members represent companies that produce goods in every segment of the bicycle market, from high-end competition bicycles to affordable kids' bikes. Our members produce the full range of components, parts and accessories used for bicycling, as well as electric bicycles.

Like so many major legislative packages impacting the outdoors, the EXPLORE Act is bipartisan and has strong support from industry, non-profit organizations, and stakeholders across the outdoor recreation ecosystem. This legislation brings together all corners of outdoor recreation and the bicycle industry is proud to support this bill, especially since it includes provisions to identify potential long distance bike trails, updates the existing complex permitting process on public lands that will benefit guided trips for cyclists, builds adaptive trails for veterans and the broader disability community, and prioritizes funding for local outdoor recreation projects within underserved communities.

We greatly appreciate your leadership on this legislation and your inclusion of important provisions that expand access to bicycling. We look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure this legislation moves through the legislative process and is signed into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Moore", with a stylized, cursive script.

Matt Moore

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