



November 29, 2023

The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Chairman, House Committee on  
Natural Resources  
1324 Longworth House Office  
Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Raúl Grijalva  
Ranking Member, House  
Committee on Natural Resources  
1324 Longworth House Office  
Building Washington, DC 20515

**RE: The EXPLORE Act**

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Grijalva:

The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) writes to thank you for your leadership on the Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences (EXPLORE) Act. This historic legislation will help meet the growing demand for access to the outdoors by improving access and experience for more Americans to recreate on public lands.

SEMA is a non-profit trade association that represents over 7,000 mostly small businesses around the country that manufacture, distribute, and retail specialty parts and accessories for motor vehicles. The specialty automotive aftermarket industry supports over 1.3 million jobs across the U.S. and contributes over \$336 billion to the American economy each year through the production and sale of performance, functional, restoration and styling-enhancement products for use on passenger cars, trucks, SUVs, and special interest collector vehicles.

Protecting and expanding motorized access on public lands is important to tens of thousands of motorized recreationists, the local economy, and all of the men and women who manufacture, sell, and install parts needed to upgrade vehicles to go off-road. Off-roading is not only a passion for millions of Americans, but it is an economic driver that is critical to the U.S. economy, that contributes to the \$1.1 trillion annually to the economy and employs 5 million people.

SEMA supports advancing this comprehensive bill that seeks to improve recreational opportunities on federal lands, including for the motorized recreation community. SEMA strongly supports provisions intended to help federal land management agencies to increase motorized and non-motorized access to public lands as well as directing the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service to periodically update maps to help ensure responsible motorized recreation.

We appreciate your efforts and look forward to working with the committee to pass the EXPLORE Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Spagnola', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mike Spagnola  
President & CEO  
Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA)

**Chairman of the Board**  
\* Kyle Fickler

**Chair-Elect**  
\* Melanie White

**Immediate Past Chairman  
& Secretary**  
\* James Lawrence

**Treasurer**  
\* Tim McCarthy

**Board of Directors**  
Rich Butler  
Lindsay Hubley  
Norris Marshall  
Larry Montante  
Kim Pendergast  
Brian Reese  
Kathryn Reinhardt  
Marcus Umlauff  
Ted Wentz III  
Steve Whipple

**President and CEO**  
Mike Spagnola

**General Counsel**  
David P. Goch

\* Executive Committee

1575 S. Valley Vista Dr.  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-3914  
909-610-2030

E-mail: [sema@sema.org](mailto:sema@sema.org)  
Website: [www.sema.org](http://www.sema.org)