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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
House Natural Resources Committee
202 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Raúl Grijalva
Ranking Member
House Natural Resources Committee
1203 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Grijalva:

On behalf of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers (BHA), the voice for our wild public lands, waters and wildlife, I write to express our support for the Tax Stamp Revenue Transfer for Wildlife and Recreation Act (H.R. 6352) led by Reps. Blake Moore (R-UT) and Jared Golden (D-ME). We thank you for your leadership in considering this bipartisan legislation which would build upon the proud legacy of sportsmen and women led conservation in the United States through the “user pays — public benefits” model and expand the source of funding for the Pittman Robertson Wildlife Restoration Fund.

By redirecting 85% of the revenue generated from the existing \$200 federal tax stamp on suppressor purchases from the Treasury General Account to the Wildlife Restoration Fund, H.R. 6352 would provide significant benefits for fish and wildlife across the United States. The amount of new funding that would be directed should this legislation become law was estimated to approach \$200 million in the 2024 fiscal year. This would represent a more than 10% increase in federal funding to support state fish and wildlife agencies’ conservation efforts, law enforcement, and hunter recruitment.

Additionally, 15% of the redirected funds would be utilized for the development and maintenance of public shooting ranges. Supporting designated shooting ranges will improve opportunities for hunters to prepare for an ethical harvest before going into the field, enhance public safety, and reduce litter from dispersed shooting on public lands.

As hunters and anglers, we ask the committee to advance H.R. 6352 for the benefit of fish and wildlife across the United States. Doing so will ensure opportunities for current and future generations of hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts. We look forward to advancing our shared priorities into law.

Sincerely,

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