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# H. R. 5009

[Report No. 118-]

To reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2023

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. GARBARINO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,  
and ordered to be printed

# **A BILL**

To reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs,  
and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Wildlife Innovation  
5 and Longevity Driver reauthorization Act” or the “WILD  
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE ACT.**

8        Section 5 of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act  
9 (16 U.S.C. 3774) is amended by striking “2019 through  
10 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

11 **SEC. 3. AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ACT.**

12        (a) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—Section 2101 of the  
13 African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4211) is  
14 amended by adding at the end the following:

15        “(g) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

16                “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may  
17 award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a  
18 grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to  
19 5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-  
20 onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation  
21 strategy for African elephants and the habitat of Af-  
22 rican elephants.

23                “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection pre-  
24 cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an  
25 annual basis.”.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
2 2306(a) of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16  
3 U.S.C. 4245(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through  
4 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

5 **SEC. 4. ASIAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ACT OF 1997.**

6 (a) ASIAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ASSIST-  
7 ANCE.—Section 5 of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act  
8 of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4264) is amended by adding at the  
9 end the following:

10 “(i) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

11 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may  
12 award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a  
13 grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to  
14 5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-  
15 onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation  
16 strategy for Asian elephants and the habitat of  
17 Asian elephants.

18 “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection pre-  
19 cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an  
20 annual basis.”.

21 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
22 8(a) of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16  
23 U.S.C. 4266(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through  
24 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

1 **SEC. 5. RHINOCEROS AND TIGER CONSERVATION ACT OF**  
2 **1994.**

3 (a) RHINOCEROS AND TIGER CONSERVATION ASSIST-  
4 ANCE.—Section 5 of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conserva-  
5 tion Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5304) is amended by adding  
6 at the end the following:

7 “(g) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

8 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may  
9 award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a  
10 grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to  
11 5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-  
12 onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation  
13 strategy for rhinoceroses or tigers and the habitat of  
14 rhinoceroses or tigers.

15 “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection pre-  
16 cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an  
17 annual basis.”.

18 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
19 10(a) of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of  
20 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306(a)) is amended by striking “2019  
21 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

22 **SEC. 6. GREAT APE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2000.**

23 (a) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—Section 4(j)(1) of the  
24 Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.  
25 6303(j)(1)) is amended by inserting “of up to 5 years”  
26 after “multiyear grant”.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
2 6 of the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.  
3 6305) is amended by striking “2019 through 2023” and  
4 inserting “2024 through 2028”.

5 **SEC. 7. MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2004.**

6 (a) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—Section 4 of the Marine  
7 Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6603) is  
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(h) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

10 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may  
11 award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a  
12 grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to  
13 5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-  
14 onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation  
15 strategy for marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or  
16 tortoises and the habitat of marine turtles, fresh-  
17 water turtles, or tortoises.

18 “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection pre-  
19 cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an  
20 annual basis.”.

21 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
22 7(a) of the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16  
23 U.S.C. 6606(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through  
24 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.