

United States Senate

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Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on
Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and
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Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

We are writing to respectfully request that the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works include the Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2021 (S. 2372) on the first available hearing agenda. The bill invests in proactive, on-the-ground conservation work led by states, territories, and Tribal nations to support the long-term health of fish and wildlife habitat all across America. This bipartisan legislation would fund conservation efforts for wildlife and plant species in need of assistance, such as the more than 12,000 species identified by state wildlife agencies, and the more than 1,600 species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Protecting America's wildlife and plants also protects our nation's natural heritage for future generations, and helps support millions of jobs in the outdoor economy.

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act is supported by over 1,500 organizations representing state fish and wildlife agencies, sportsmen and women, conservation groups, and industry associations and businesses. These include the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the National Wildlife Federation, the World Wildlife Fund, Backcountry Hunter & Anglers, and the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society.

We would respectfully request that the committee schedule a hearing to consider this important legislation as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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