March 20, 2023

The Honorable Mike Simpson
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
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Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree:

We are writing to express our support for the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants (STWG) program. We appreciate your past support and are hopeful that your support will continue. We believe that the STWG program is an important investment needed to sustain our nation’s fish and wildlife. In fiscal year 2023, $73.8 million was appropriated for the program to conserve fish and wildlife in the 56 states, territories, and District of Columbia, and on tribal lands. We ask that you allocate robust funding for this important, time-tested program for fiscal year 2024.

The STWG program provides states, territories, the District of Columbia, and Indian tribes with the resources they need to implement proactive and effective wildlife conservation actions aimed at keeping wildlife from becoming endangered. It is a mission-critical element of Department of the Interior’s budget, as no other program is focused on this goal. As you know, states bear the primary responsibility for wildlife management, and since the 1930’s the federal government has worked in partnership with the states to fund successful conservation programs that ensure sustainability of the fish and wildlife species enjoyed by all Americans.

We urge the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies to provide the highest appropriation possible for the STWG program in fiscal year 2024 so that these important conservation efforts can expand to prevent more fish and wildlife from becoming endangered. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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