

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 15, 2025

The Honorable Mike Simpson
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 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 strong support for the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program. We appreciate your past support and are hopeful it will continue this year. We believe this program is a wise investment that is achieving results to sustain our nation's fish and wildlife. In FY25 Congress appropriated \$72.4 million and we ask that your subcommittee allocate the most robust funding possible in fiscal year 2026.

The State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program provides each state, territory, the District of Columbia, and many Indian tribes with critical funding to implement proactive, voluntary, and effective conservation aimed at preventing wildlife from becoming endangered and recovering those already listed. It is the only federal program that provides direct funding to implement congressionally required State Wildlife Action Plans which serve as blueprints for conserving over 12,000 Species of Greatest Conservation Need and their habitats.

The State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program supports the agencies that have primary statutory responsibility for conserving fish and wildlife and provides key funding for on-the-ground conservation and monitoring that is essential to the recovery of rare and declining species and their habitats. This program leverages millions in state and private funds and helps sustain species that are integral to outdoor recreation and \$1.2 trillion in economic output and 5 million jobs attributed to outdoor recreation.

We urge the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies to provide the highest appropriation possible for the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program in fiscal year 2026 to achieve even more positive outcomes through incentive-based and conflict-free conservation. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



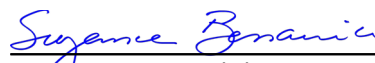
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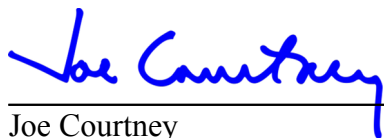
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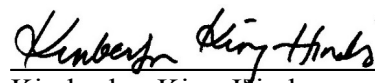
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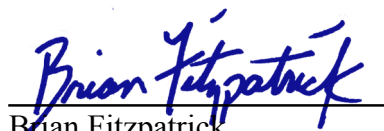
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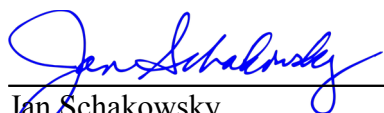
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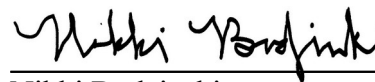
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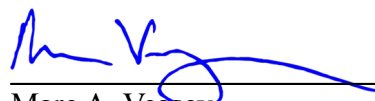
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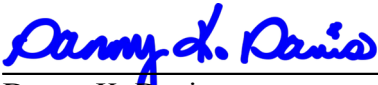
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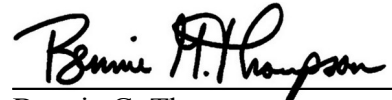
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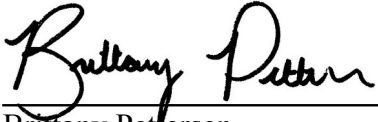
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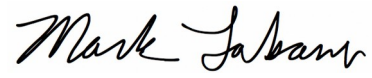
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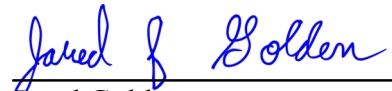
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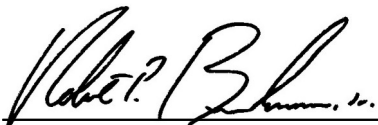
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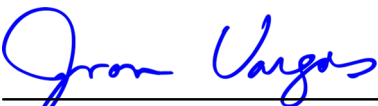
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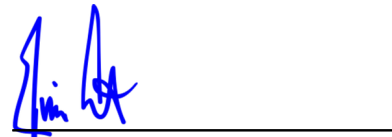
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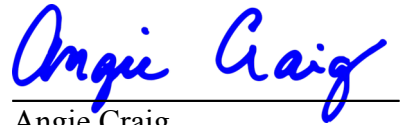
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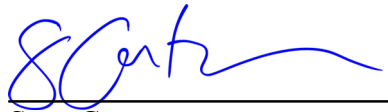
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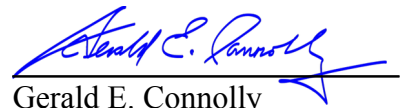
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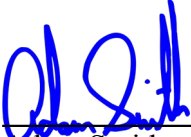
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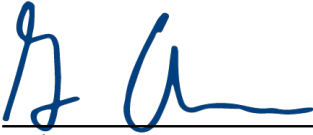
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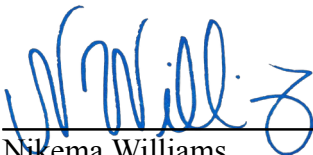
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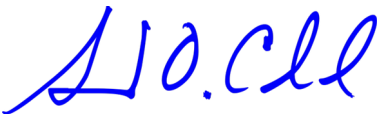
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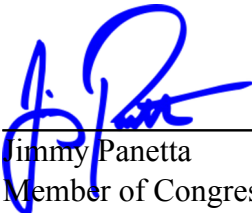
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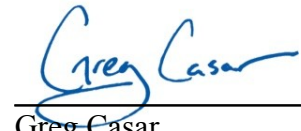
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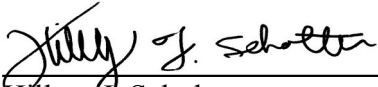
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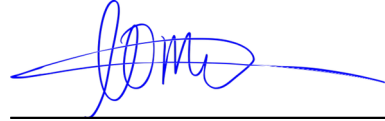
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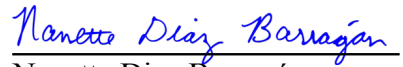
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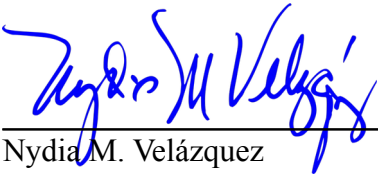
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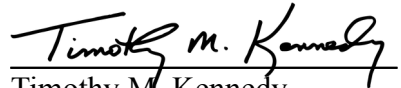
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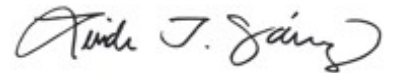
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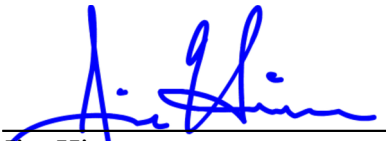
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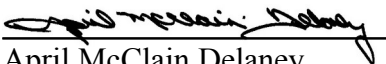
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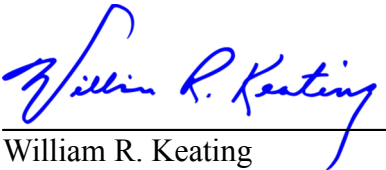
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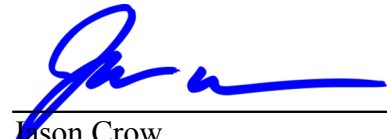
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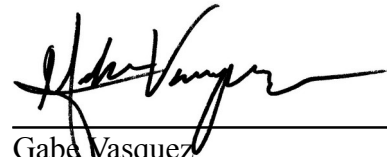
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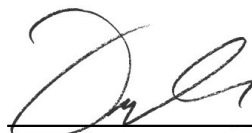
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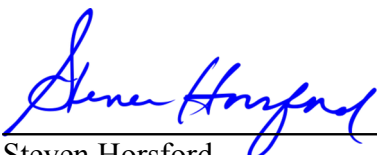
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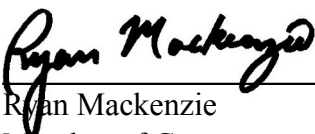
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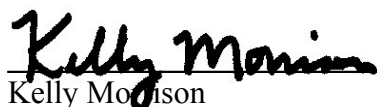
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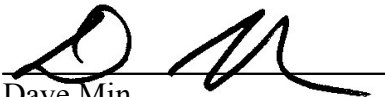
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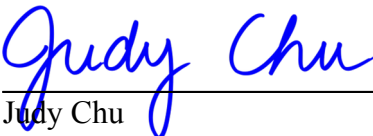
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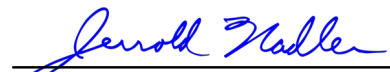
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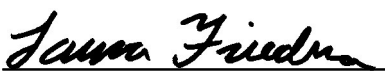
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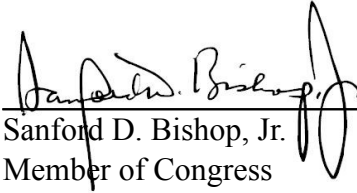
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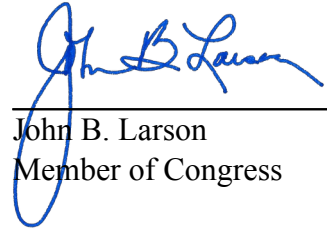
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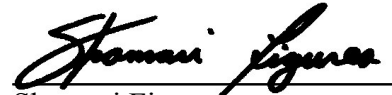
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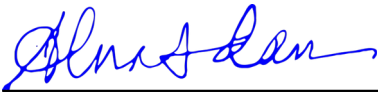
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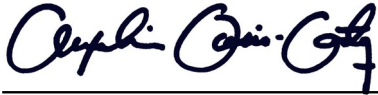
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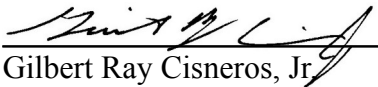
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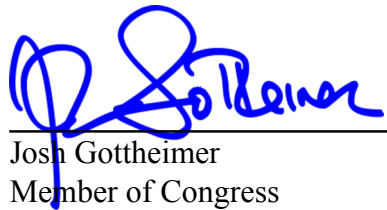
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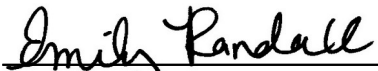
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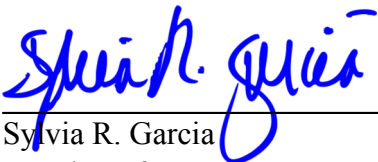
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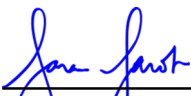
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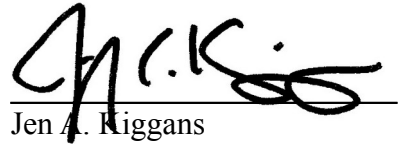
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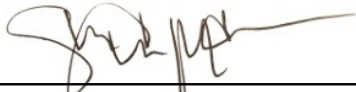
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