

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 20, 2026

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

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

We write to express our strong bipartisan support for the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants (STWG) program and to thank you for your continued leadership in funding this critical initiative. In FY26, Congress provided \$73.8 million for STWG. We respectfully request that the Subcommittee provide the most robust funding possible for fiscal year 2027 to expand the program's impact and address growing conservation needs nationwide.

The State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program is the nation's core program for proactive wildlife conservation. It provides dedicated funding to every state, territory, the District of Columbia, and federally recognized Tribes to implement congressionally mandated State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAPs). These science-based plans serve as blueprints for conserving more than 12,000 Species of Greatest Conservation Need and the habitats on which they depend. By supporting early, voluntary, and locally led conservation efforts, STWG helps prevent species from becoming listed under the Endangered Species Act and advances the recovery of those already listed, thus reducing long-term regulatory burdens and costs.

STWG supports the state and Tribal agencies with primary statutory responsibility for fish and wildlife management and delivers measurable, on-the-ground results. Program funds are matched with significant state and private investment, maximizing federal dollars while fostering collaborative partnerships with landowners, industry, and local communities. These efforts sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations that underpin America's outdoor recreation economy which generates \$1.2 trillion in economic output and supports 5 million jobs nationwide.

Increased investment in STWG represents a fiscally responsible approach to conservation: preventing declines before they require more costly federal intervention, supporting locally driven solutions, and strengthening the economic and ecological resilience of our communities. We respectfully urge the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies to provide the highest possible appropriation for the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program in

FY27. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to conserving our nation's fish and wildlife heritage.

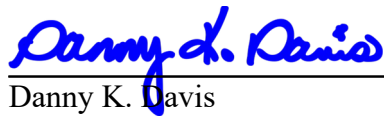
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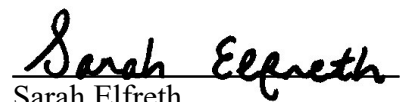
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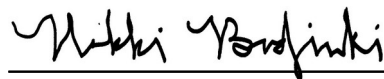
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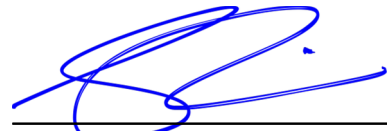
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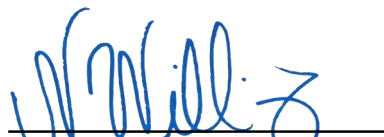
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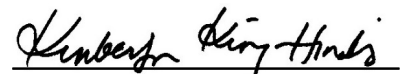
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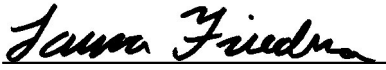
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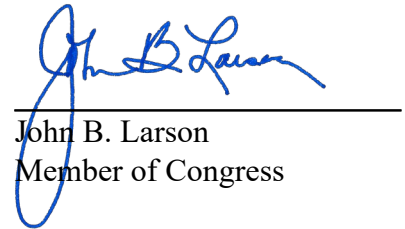
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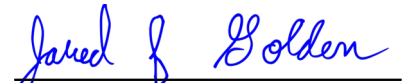
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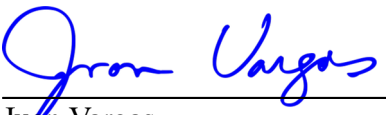
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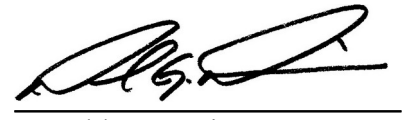
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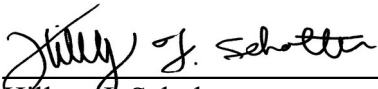
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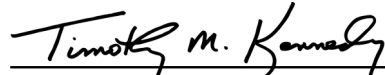
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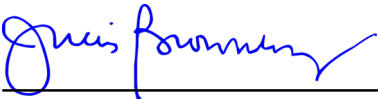
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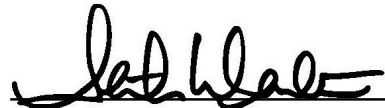
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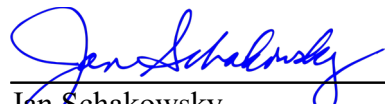
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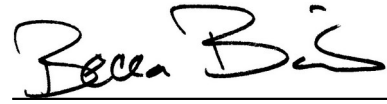
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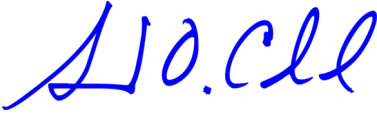
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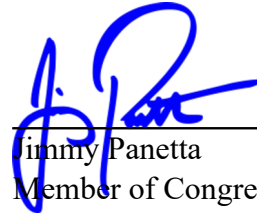
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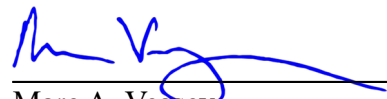
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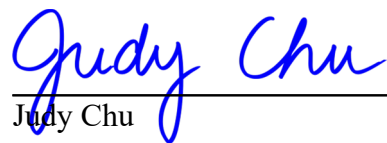
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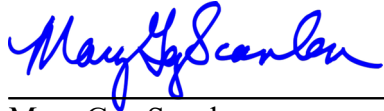
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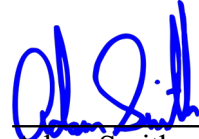
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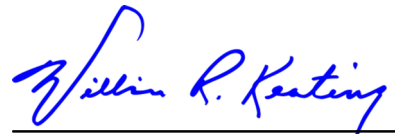
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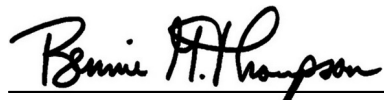
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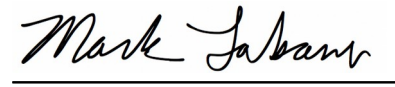
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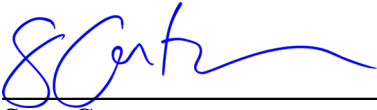
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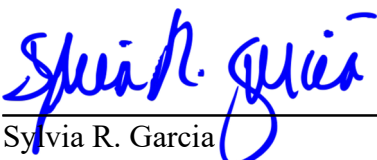
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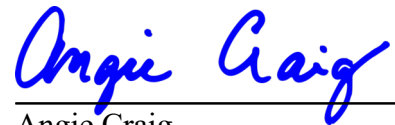
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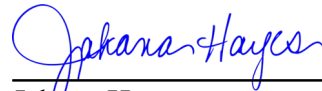
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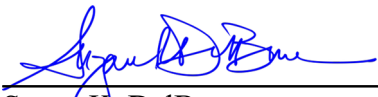
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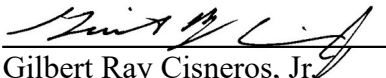
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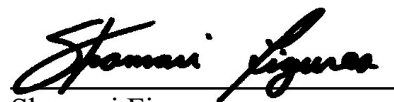
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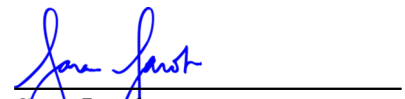

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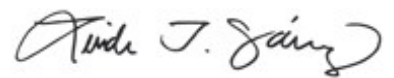

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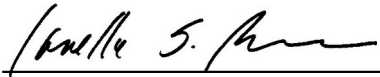

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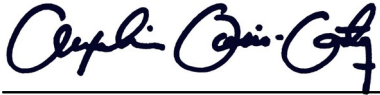

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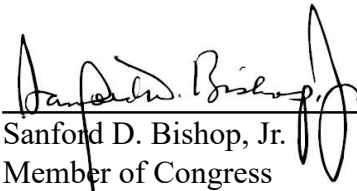
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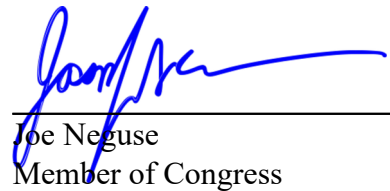
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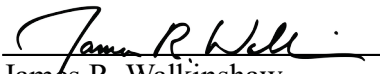
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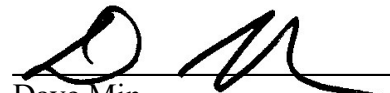
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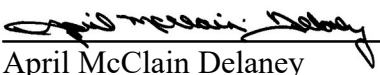
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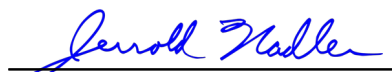
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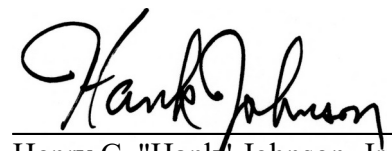

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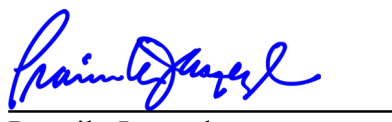

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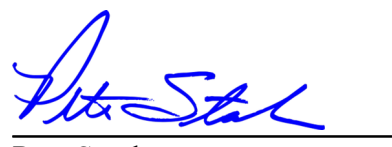

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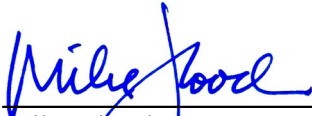

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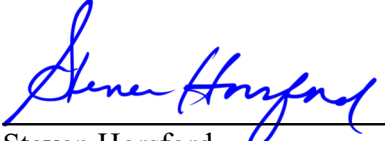

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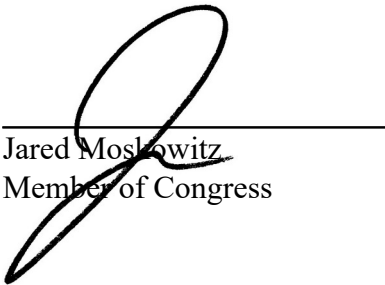

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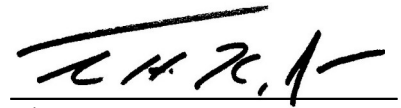
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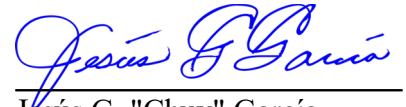
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