September 25, 2018

Dear Members of Congress,

Together our two organizations represent thousands of manufacturers, distributors, retailers and outfitters, small family businesses, entrepreneurial start-ups and international Fortune 1,000 companies that make and sell products for active use in the outdoors. We are writing to express our strong support for reauthorization of and full, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

We stand ready to work with you to ensure that the nation’s premier conservation program does not expire and that LWCF funding continues to protect and provide recreational access to our nation’s irreplaceable outdoor spaces.

Each year, the outdoor industry supports more than 7.6 million American jobs, generates $887 billion in direct consumer spending and contributes $125 billion in federal, state and local taxes. To maintain this growth, our businesses depend on access to the nation’s lands and waters, and certainty that LWCF investments will continue to be realized in these places.

Full and dedicated funding for LWCF will enable communities across the nation to invest in the outdoor economy, create jobs and support rural communities looking to diversify their economies. The LWCF makes investments in our shared outdoor heritage—from backyards to the backcountry—that are essential to outdoor companies, our consumers and the health and vitality of urban and rural communities.

This program represents a promise that was made to the American people 50 years ago to invest a small portion of the proceeds from natural resource development in our nation’s Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) into conservation and outdoor recreation. Yet, nearly every year, the majority of LWCF funds are diverted to other, unrelated purposes. Recent bipartisan polling shows that 85 percent of American voters want and expect the nation to continue to invest in LWCF, a level of support that has been consistent over the years regardless of demographic, income and political differences.

Our businesses and the 142 million Americans who participate in outdoor recreation each year depend on LWCF for healthy local communities and citizens, a high quality of life and a vibrant U.S. economy. Reauthorization of LWCF with full, dedicated funding before expiration on September 30 is an important and bipartisan commitment that this Congress should uphold and celebrate.

We, the undersigned 282 businesses and organizations, urge you to support a permanent reauthorization of LWCF that includes full funding at $900 million annually, and we look forward to working with you to protect and grow our outdoor economy.

Sincerely,

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