



February 1, 2021

The Honorable Tom Carper
Chair
Senate Environment and Public Works
Committee
410 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Senate Environment and Public Works
Committee
456 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

On behalf of the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR), we would like to express our strong support for the nomination of Michael Regan to be the next Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. We are hopeful that the Senate will confirm Mr. Regan in a timely manner to ensure the Environmental Protection Agency can move forward with effective leadership early in the new administration.

ORR is the nation's leading coalition of outdoor recreation trade associations – made up of 33 national trade associations — as well as other nonprofit organizations and business entities — serving more than 110,000 businesses. According to the most recent data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis released last year, the recreation industry generated \$788 billion in output, accounted for 2.1 percent of GDP, supported 5.2 million jobs and was growing faster than the economy as a whole in every indicator.

The Environmental Protection Agency will play an important role in the effort to combat climate change. ORR members are excited to work with Mr. Regan to elevate outdoor recreation, public lands, and green spaces as part of the broader solution to climate change. Access to the outdoors is crucial to creating lifelong stewards who care about the climate and their communities – and recreation can make that happen.

As the nomination process continues, we appreciate you considering ORR's support for Mr. Regan, and hope that questions regarding outdoor recreation and its critical role in the wellbeing of America's families and economy are incorporated in the upcoming hearing. We look forward to working with the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in the 117th Congress on important issues for outdoor recreation and the outdoor recreation economy.

Sincerely,

America Outdoors Association
American Horse Council
American Mountain Guides Association

Archery Trade Association
Association of Marina Industries
Boat Owners Association of the United States
CHM Government Services
Diving Equipment and Market Association
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Park Hospitality Association
Outdoor Industry Association
PeopleForBikes
Professional TrailBuilders Association
RV Dealers Association
Snowsports Industries America
Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals
Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association
The Corps Network