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Congressman Alex Mooney  
1232 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Mooney:

On behalf of the Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society we are requesting your support for Recovering America's Wildlife Act (H.R. 4647).

Introduced by Representatives Fortenberry (R-NE) and Dingell (D-MI) in December 2017, this legislation would provide a path forward for proactive, cost-effective wildlife conservation to take hold in this country. By dedicating \$1.3 billion in energy and mineral royalties to states for species identified as needing additional conservation measures, you will be enable wildlife professionals to keep these populations stable before costly federal intervention, such as Endangered Species Act listing, is needed.

The Wildlife Society was founded in 1937 and is an international non-profit scientific and educational association dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. Our mission is to enhance the ability of wildlife professionals and wildlife students to conserve biodiversity, sustain wildlife populations, and ensure responsible use of wildlife resources and habitats. The Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society is comprised of 7 State Chapters and 19 Student Chapters, representing nearly 1,000 wildlife managers, biologists, ecologists, botanists, hydrologists, geologists, and students from Maine to West Virginia – all devoted to the sustainable conservation of wildlife and wildlife habitat in the northeastern United States.

The Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society is supporting this legislation so that wildlife professionals in our region will be able to hold the nation's wildlife in the public trust for generations to come. It is our hope that your office will also put your faith in the professionals working on the front lines of conservation by cosponsoring this legislation.

Sincerely,

The Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society

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