



ARKANSAS CHAPTER  
of  
**The Wildlife Society**

May 13, 2021

Representative French Hill  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1533 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

**Subject:** Recovering America's Wildlife Act (H.R. 2773)

Dear Congressman Hill:

The Arkansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society is writing to **thank you for your co-sponsorship of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act**, originally introduced as H.R. 4647 by Representatives Fortenberry (R-NE) and Dingell (D-MI) in December 2017, passed in December 2019 out of the House on Natural Resources Committee, and reintroduced on April 22, 2021.

For generations, America's sportspeople like you have led the charge in the conservation of our nation's fish and wildlife resources by contributing to state-based conservation efforts through state license fees and federal excise taxes. The efforts of conservation-minded hunters, anglers, recreational shooters and trappers resulted in the development of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. As a result, sportspeople contributed to the recovery of iconic species such as the wild turkey, white-tailed deer, and many waterfowl species.

Founded in 1937, The Wildlife Society and its 15,000 members work to inspire, empower, and enable wildlife biologists and managers to sustain wildlife populations and habitat through science-based management and conservation. The Arkansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society has about 90 members from various state and federal agencies, consulting as well as timber and farm companies, and several universities/colleges across Arkansas. Among other things, The Chapter aims to promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and of the environments upon which humans and wildlife depend.

We are grateful for the support you have shown professionals working on the front lines of conservation by cosponsoring this legislation. If you have any questions regarding the Recovering America's Wildlife Act and the Arkansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society's support for this legislation, please feel free to reach me at 501-794-4898.

Respectfully,

Dr. Rebecca (Becky) McPeake  
President, Arkansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society