

Representative Kelly Armstrong
1740 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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RE: Request for Support - Recovering America's Wildlife Act

Dear Representative Armstrong,

We are writing today as organization representing 273 wildlife and natural resource professional across North Dakota to encourage your co-sponsorship of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act. This legislation will allow proactive conservation measures for at-risk species to be implemented by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and our tribal wildlife agencies through cost-effective and voluntary partnerships.

The United States currently has over 12,000 species in need of urgent conservation and monitoring action. Unfortunately, current federal programming does not come close to meeting the identified funding needs to keep species off the Endangered Species List. The Recovering America's Wildlife Act will provide a path forward for conserving at-risk species by providing \$1.4 billion annually towards recovery and monitoring, with the goal of keeping common species common and avoiding more cost-intensive recovery measures down the road.

The North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society, along with the rest of the conservation community, look forward to working with you toward passage of this game-changing legislation. Please let us know if you have any questions in order to assist in your decision-making process.

With Greatest Regard,
The Executive Board of the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society