

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow  
Chairwoman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture,  
Nutrition & Forestry

The Honorable John Boozman  
Ranking Member  
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture,  
Nutrition & Forestry

The Honorable Glenn "GT" Thompson  
Chairman  
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on  
Agriculture

The Honorable David Scott  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on  
Agriculture

January 30, 2023

RE: 2023 Farm Bill Development

Dear Chairwoman Stabenow, Ranking Member Boozman, Chairman Thompson, and Ranking Member Scott:

The undersigned organizations, representing millions of hunters, anglers, wildlife professionals, and outdoor enthusiasts are writing to express our priorities in the development of the 2023 Farm Bill. As you know, the programs supported through the Farm Bill's conservation title represent the largest federal investment in voluntary private land conservation efforts and present several opportunities. By providing private landowners the incentives and tools they need to conserve valuable timberlands, wetlands, grasslands and other habitat values on their lands, we can achieve beneficial results for producers, fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, rural economies, and nationwide climate goals. Conservation is part of the ecological and economic safety net in rural America and the Farm Bill provides tools to address natural resource issues, while concurrently maximizing crop production. In short:

- We remain committed to enhancing, restoring, and conserving our natural resources on private lands to provide broad ecosystem services, including providing fish and wildlife habitat, improving water quality and quantity, and promoting landscape resilience.
- We support efficient and effective, voluntary programs that deliver results for farmers, ranchers, timberland owners, and American taxpayers.
- We support robust funding for the conservation and forestry titles of this legislation and urge you to work collaboratively to ensure there is no lapse in programmatic authorization and implementation.

Our organizations have unique scientific and policy expertise and stand ready to help ensure the interests of fish and wildlife are represented in crafting the forthcoming 2023 Farm Bill. We look forward to assisting you and your staff in the detailed development of this critical legislation that will guide private land management nationwide for the next five years.

Sincerely,

American Woodcock Society  
Archery Trade Association  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Bear Trust International  
Boone and Crockett Club  
California Waterfowl  
Camp Fire Club of America  
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation  
Conservation Force  
Ducks Unlimited  
Delta Waterfowl  
Houston Safari Club  
Izaak Walton League of America  
Mule Deer Foundation  
National Association of Forest Service Retirees  
National Bobwhite & Grassland Initiative  
National Deer Association  
National Shooting Sports Foundation  
National Wildlife Federation  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
North American Falconers Association  
North American Grouse Partnership  
Orion: The Hunter's Institute  
Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever  
Resource Management Service, LLC  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
Ruffed Grouse Society  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
The Conservation Fund  
The Wildlife Society  
Texas Wildlife Association  
Whitetails Unlimited  
Wildlife Forever  
Wildlife Mississippi

CC:

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell  
Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy  
House Majority Leader Steve Scalise  
House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries