



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Leaders in Wildlife Science, Management and Conservation

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The Honorable Michael Allen Collins Jr.
1223 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Collins,

The Wildlife Society and the Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society would like to congratulate you on your recent election and your appointment to the House Committee on Natural Resources. We look forward to working with you and serving as a resource in your work to confront our country's biggest natural resource challenges.

Our mission at The Wildlife Society is to inspire, empower, and enable wildlife professionals to sustain wildlife populations and habitat through science-based management and conservation. Founded in 1937, TWS and our network of affiliated chapters and sections represent more than 15,000 wildlife professionals dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. TWS and our affiliated working groups also provide expertise to decision makers on a diversity of topics including invasive species management, biological diversity, and human-wildlife conflict.

The Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society comprises the US states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. We hope we can add value to your deliberations by offering our scientific expertise regarding wildlife and habitat whenever needed.

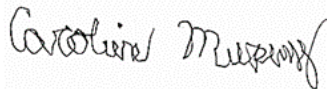
The Wildlife Society's Government Affairs program strives to ensure wildlife professionals, and the knowledge they provide, play an active role in the formation of wildlife management and conservation policies, laws, and regulations. We work closely with the House Committee on Natural Resources to ensure policies empower, enable, and assist wildlife professionals in managing and conserving wildlife resources for the benefit of the American public.

Through our diverse and dedicated membership, TWS has broad access to scientific knowledge and expertise that can help facilitate and inform decision-making processes. TWS' headquarters staff in D.C. and members throughout the state of Georgia are available to assist you and other committee members with science-based input for managing our nation's natural resources in the face of some of our biggest challenges. TWS also has an extensive library of

policy resources covering key issues in wildlife conservation on our [website](#). For your convenience, we've included a fact sheet to introduce you to these policy resources as an attachment to this letter. We recognize that natural resource decisions must consider many social, economic, and ecological factors, with science serving as the bedrock principle for making those decisions.

We look forward to providing you with the views of wildlife professionals and wish you success in your new role. We stand ready to assist you as the committee works to develop policies that sustainably manage and conserve our nation's natural resources through sound science. Please feel free to contact us whenever we might be of assistance.

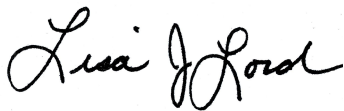
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