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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
202 Canon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Westerman,

The Arkansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society would like to thank you for joining the Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus. As one of the few professional natural resource managers in Congress, your knowledge and gifts are uniquely situated to improve land management across the country. We look forward to working with your office and the Caucus to protect and enhance the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The Wildlife Society and its network of affiliated chapters and sections represent over 11,000 wildlife biologists and managers, dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. Our mission is to inspire, empower, and enable wildlife professionals to sustain wildlife populations and their habitat through science-based management and conservation. The Arkansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society has a membership of over 200 professional natural resource managers and educators working for state and federal agencies, non-profits and private industry. Outdoor recreation is a critical part of the economy and culture of The Natural State and Certified Wildlife Biologists® are the leaders in conserving game and nongame wildlife, Threatened and Endangered species and the habitats these animals depend on.

We hope the Caucus will be an important partner in advancing federal support for the Refuge System and raising awareness of its challenges. We look forward to continuing this partnership and advancing Refuge System priorities together.

Regards,

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