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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H204, The Capitol
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Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy,

We write to you today to ask that the Great American Outdoors Act be brought to the House floor under an open rule or at least allow broad consideration of germane amendments. Bringing this extremely consequential piece of legislation to the floor under a closed rule, or worse suspension, will not allow members of the People's House to work their will and make needed improvements to this permanent legislation.

Amongst the many provisions included in the Great American Outdoors Act, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) which is now permanently reauthorized at \$900 million a year, this bill sets that authorization funding on autopilot for generations to come. Such a decision to make permanent this massive federal land buying program should be considered under an open process.

Many Western states already have much of their land area owned by the federal government, which puts strains on essential services, like education, ambulatory services, and road maintenance. Permanent land buying will put additional strain on those services and would also put strain on maintenance of our existing public lands, something this bill recognizes but fails to fully address.

Putting this massive federal program on auto, outside of congressional oversight, does not make fiscal or regulatory sense. Doing so without allowing the House to consider this legislation under an open and fair process, so the voices of the American's we represent can be heard, would demean the role that the House plays in our bi-cameral legislature. The House should

have the right to consider legislation with Amendments, not simply be forced to consider the Senate's action final.

We look forward to working with you under an open process to address this legislation so it may serve the needs of all Americans.

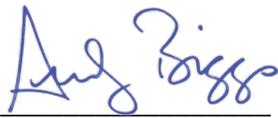
Sincerely,



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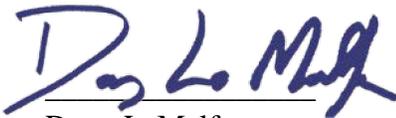
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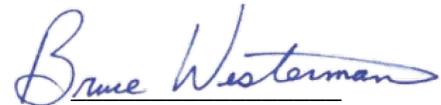
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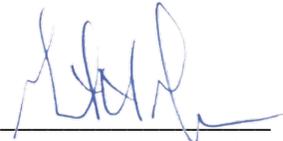
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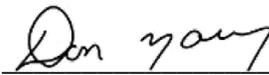
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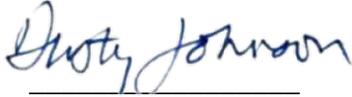
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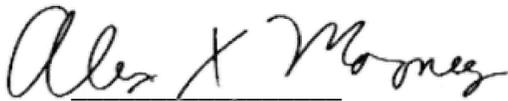
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