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ON LAND AND WATER



The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman
House Natural Resources Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Chairman Bishop,

I am writing in support of the bipartisan Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act (the "TPMTSA"), S. 593 in the Senate and H.R. 788 in the House. Enactment of TPMTSA will help facilitate increased opportunities for responsible recreation something our organization strives to achieve.

TPMTSA would provide states with increased flexibility to use Pittman-Robertson dollars for the development, expansion, and maintenance of public shooting ranges. With millions of new shooters entering the sport, more than 50% of ranges experienced visitation increases in 2016. TPMTSA would accommodate new shooters and help states and local managers meet growing demand for their facilities.

Most importantly, public shooting ranges advance firearm education and safety training. Shooting and safety instruction provided by range staff promotes safety and best practices for those at the range and for when they are away from it.

Increased utilization of Pittman-Robertson dollars for range maintenance and expansion will be enjoyed by other outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Well education and trained sportsmen and recreational shooters will be better "neighbors" on public lands or other multi-use areas. Fewer conflicts will ensure outdoor recreation, in all forms, continues to grow and thrive.

Thank you for your efforts to enact TPMTSA. Tread Lightly! is committed to supporting initiatives and campaigns that promote outdoor recreation and public safety. Just last year, our public awareness campaigns reached nearly 40 million people. We look forward to working with each of you to advance the bill and our shared values.

Sincerely,

Casey Snider

Interim CEO

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