

OUTDOOR INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Paul Ryan
United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20004

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Dear Speaker Ryan and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell,

We are writing to urge passage of the bipartisan Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act (TPMTSA), S. 593 in the Senate and H.R. 788 in the House in 2018. Recently introduced by bipartisan cosponsors in the House and Senate, the bill has garnered wide support, including each of the four co-chairs of the Outdoor Recreation Caucus and the leaders of the Congressional Sportsmen Caucus.

TPMTSA would provide state wildlife agencies the flexibility to utilize Pittman-Robertson funding to enhance, expand, and develop recreational shooting range infrastructure. The shovel ready projects supported by this bill would benefit local communities and outdoor recreation enthusiasts across the country.

Most notably, public shooting ranges would generate new conservation funding through the Pittman-Robertson Act. Local shooting ranges are also one of the largest providers of hunter safety and firearm education programs. These programs directly benefit those that hunt and engage in shooting sports. Expanded ranges also boost public safety for public land users. Increased training will help to minimize conflicts between the many users of public lands in the west.

Many forms of outdoor recreation provide many benefits for individuals, local communities, and the thriving outdoor recreation economy that contributes \$125 billion to local, state and federal taxes and supports 7.6 million American jobs. Thank you for your consideration of this important topic.

Sincerely,



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