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The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Please include my legislation, H.R. 1814: To Permanently Reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund, on the agenda for the Natural Resources Committee Markup noticed for October 8, 2015. I introduced H.R. 1814 in April and subsequently wrote to you requesting a hearing on the bill on April 24, and more recently on September 3, 2015 requesting the bill be marked up.

The fact that no hearing has occurred should not be an obstacle to moving the legislation to markup given the well-documented and much discussed, 50-year history of the program and the fact that several measures proposed for the markup have not had hearings this Congress.

Authorization for funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund expired yesterday, making Committee and House action on this matter urgent. H.R. 1814 has 179 bipartisan cosponsors, all of whom recognize the value of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and wish to see it continue.

The legislation includes a 1.5% set-aside to provide access to existing federal land for public hunting, fishing and other recreational activities, making the bill an important priority not only for conservationists, but for millions of Americans who enjoy outdoor recreation.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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