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The Honorable Rob Bishop
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Last week's full Committee markup highlighted divisions among Members on certain elements of H.R. 2406: The Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act of 2015. However, the meeting also showed areas of overlapping, bipartisan interest, including from sportsmen and women, in improving the bill.

This is particularly true with respect to a number of the items contained in the substitute amendment offered by Mr. Beyer, such as reauthorization of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act, and the Multinational Species Conservation Funds. These provisions have broad support in Congress, as well as significant backing from hunters, anglers, and other outdoor enthusiasts.

It is my hope that there is a compromise version of a sportsmen's package that could pass the House with bipartisan support, using expedited procedures, and eventually be signed into law. We owe it to the sporting community to attempt to craft consensus legislation, if possible.

Please consider my request to have your staff contact mine to begin bipartisan discussions as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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